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Pre-summit triumph for Shultz and Shevardnadze

US-Soviet arms pact agreed

From Christopher Walker, Geneva

The Soviet Union and the United States yesterday reached the elusive final agreement on a treaty to eliminate all their medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles, the first such superpower pact for eight years.

The success of the complex negotiations, which began in March 1985, has also cleared the final obstacles in the way of the third summit meeting between Mr Gorbachov and President Reagan, which officials said will now start as scheduled on December 8.

In an historic moment for nuclear arms control, the treaty, the first in which the United States and the Soviet Union have agreed to destroy part of their nuclear arsenals, has increased optimism that the two sides can achieve a further, more significant 50 per cent cut in long-range missiles for the Moscow summit, due by the middle of 1988.

In a rare demonstration of superpower *bonhomie*, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, appeared outside the large US mission here shortly after 5pm to announce that all remaining problems on the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty had been overcome.

The dramatic announcement followed two days of emergency talks here, at which the remaining 2 per cent of problems – mostly connected with the sensitive question of verification – were ironed out in an intensive series of negotiations. These were spurred on by the December 8 deadline for holding the summit, at which the treaty will be signed.

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A beaming Mr Shultz gave the first announcement of the diplomatic triumph when he and Mr Shevardnadze came out from a meeting in the diplomatic building and, in front of waiting cameramen and reporters, warmly exchanged a handshake.

"Mr Shevardnadze and I are shaking hands. The reason is that we have now completed agreement on all of the outstanding INF issues," said the US Secretary of State, whose diplomatic standing has been greatly enhanced by the agreement. "All that remains is treaty language which others will be able to do. We are very pleased that we have this development."

The Soviet Foreign Minister appeared equally elated by the final agreement on problems which, although small in terms of the final treaty document, which runs to some 100 pages, were regarded by arms control experts as the most difficult because they involved intrusive measures designed to prevent either side reneging on their committments to destroy existing missiles and not to build new ones.

"What we have done is in the interest of all nations of this planet," Mr Shevardnadze said. "And we have no doubt that the summit meeting in Washington will be successful and that the next step will be made towards the abolition of nuclear weapons because we have now laid good groundwork. I appreciate the efforts of our American colleagues and their co-operation. This is an historic task that we have now accomplished through joint efforts."

Mr Shevardnadze had been accompanied during the crucial 48 hours of emergency talks in Geneva by Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the influential Soviet Chief of Staff. Soviet sources said he was able to provide a quick indication of what the Soviet military establishment would accept in terms of verification.

Although militarily accounting for only between 3 to 4 per cent of the total nuclear arsenals in the possession of the superpowers, the final achievement of an INF treaty is seen as symbolically important by both Soviet and US officials for providing the catalyst for achieving further disarmament pacts.

A senior diplomatic source told *The Times*: "A lot of weapons experts here thought that the outstanding complexities on verification were too hard to be solved as quickly as this. The fact that the experts have been proved wrong shows that the political will in both Washington and Moscow for an agreement was high."

After the announcement, officials said that the two sides had gone on to continue negotiations on the larger issue of strategic weaponary, which is now expected to dominate next month's summit. Later today Mr Shultz will fly to Brussels to brief his Nato allies on details of the final version of the INF treaty.

According to Western officials here, more than 1,000 missiles will be destroyed under the terms of the treaty, but the process of destruction will not begin until it has been ratified by the US Senate, where it faces some right-wing opposition. Under the terms agreed by the Soviet and US negotiators, all but about 130 Soviet shorter-range missiles are due to be destroyed in an initial three-year period.

●**MOSCOW:** Mr Shevardnadze has written a letter to the latest round of Geneva negotiations for a global ban on chemical weapons and the elimination of stockpiles, stressing the issue was a "priority" for the Soviet Union, which hoped for an agreement by the middle of next year (A Correspondent writes).

The revelation about the letter was made at a news conference here held by Mr Sergei Batsanov, deputy head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's department for the peaceful use of nuclear energy and space. Mr Shevardnadze wrote "on the eve" of the latest round of negotiations.

Mr Batsanov gave a generally optimistic view of progress towards a convention, saying that "almost all major issues" had been, or were being, resolved.

●**BRUSSELS:** Lord Carrington, the NATO Secretary-General, said on learning of the breakthrough: "This is excellent news," (AP reports). "It is the result which the Alliance position and US negotiating efforts were designed to achieve."

● **WASHINGTON:** President Reagan, declaring that the Soviet Union was forging ahead with its own anti-missile system, warned yesterday that further congressional cost-cutting of his controversial Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) would give Moscow a monopoly in space-based defences (Christopher Thomas writes).

He said bluntly that giving up SDI would be too high a price for any agreement on reducing strategic forces. The question was not whether stratgic defences would be developed. "The question is rather will the Soviet Union be the only country to possess them? The choice is ours."

Beaming smiles and a firm handshake for Mr Shultz, left and Mr Shevardnadze yesterday when the hard bargaining ended.

Irish Bill will limit extradition

By John Cooney

The Irish Government yesterday approved the text of a Bill which will impose restrictions on the absolute and automatic extradition of suspected terrorists to Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Bill will introduce a certificate process under which the Irish attorney general can form an opinion on whether or not to accept an extradition warrant and an accompanying statement from the British attorney general.

The Bill also stipulates that the extradited person will be tried only for the offence for which he is wanted in Britain or Northern Ireland. Retrospection will also be made conditional.

The move heavily qualifies Mr Haughey's announcement after the Enniskillen bomb outrage of his decision to ratify the European convention on the suppression of terrorism.

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Turner winner

The Turner Prize has been won by Richard Deacon, the sculptor. The award was announced at the Tate Gallery, London, last night by Mr George Melly, the singer. Mr Deacon was short-listed for the prize in 1984.

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Gas plan

A network of power stations burning gas bought directly from the oil companies in the North Sea – bypassing the British Gas supply system – is being considered by the electricity industry ....Page 25

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Queen rejects 'birthday' change

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Queen has rejected any suggestion that the date of her official birthday should be changed to create an autumn Bank holiday to replace May Day which commemorates workers' solidarity.

Moving the Queen's official birthday, traditionally celebrated in June with Trooping the Colour and an appearance by the Royal Family on the balcony at Buckingham Palace, was one of a number of ideas put forward during discussions on abolishing the May Day Bank holiday in favour of a date in October.

But Ministers and officials recognized that the carefully planned annual royal routine would be disrupted and after informal soundings it was made clear that the Queen did not favour the idea.

It would also have broken with a routine that developed fitfully during the reign of Queen Victoria.

A number of other proposals have been discussed by Ministers who want May Day abolished because of the bunching of Bank holidays in the spring and they are also anxious to get rid of the May Day holiday, created by the Labour Government in 1976 and introduced two years later, because it angers backbench Conservative MPs and their supporters in the country.

Baby heart death disclosure fuels storm in Parliament

By Craig Seton, Sheila Gunn and Jill Sherman

A new born baby with a serious heart defect has died after being turned away from the Birmingham Children's Hospital which is crippled by a shortage of beds and trained staff.

The news came as Mrs Thatcher told the Commons that she hoped another baby, David Barber, whose life-saving heart operation at the Birmingham Children's Hospital has been cancelled five times, would be operated on soon, saying that the level of trained staff there was now back to full strength.

Meanhwile, baby David's mother, Mrs Diane Walker, yesterday pledged to continue her legal fight for her son's operation after a High Court judge rejected an application for it to be carried out immediately.

In the Commons, Mrs Thatcher gave her assurance that David, suffering from a hole in the heart, would be operated on as Labour MPs came near to accusing her of murder if the baby died beforehand.

The tragedy of the baby who died after being turned away from the hospital was disclosed in the House of Lords last night by the Countess of Mar as the political debate intensified over the situation there, where the Countess said another 34 babies were still waiting for urgent surgery requiring intensive care.

Commenting on the death of the unnamed baby, a senior consultant at the hospital said that the baby may have survived if it had been admitted to the hospital's cardiac unit, but it died hours later in the hospital from which it was due to be transferred as an emergency.

Brian James visits Birmingham Children's Hospital. Spectrum 12

Dr Eric Silove, consultant paediatric cardiologist at the Birmingham Children's Hospital, said: "It might have survived if it had been admitted. I am not saying it would have. It might have."

He went on: "It is numbing. We have felt that whereas up until now we had been crippled, we are now paralysed."

Ms Alice Mahon, Labour MP for Halifax, demanded in the Commons to know if the Prime Minister was happy with a Government which created conditions in which a small baby had been refused a life-saving operation six times.

Mrs Thatcher replied that the unit was back to full strength and hoped the operation will take place very soon.

The Prime Minister also hinted at better pay for paediatric nurses.

During social service questions Mr Dave Nellist, the Labour MP for Coventry South East, went further and claimed that if the baby died Mrs Thatcher would not be able to pass it off as an accident because "it will be murder".

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Lawson in plea to Bonn and Tokyo

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said yesterday there was no question of the world falling into recession, provided its economic leaders kept their heads and pursued the right policies.

Speaking at the American and Canadian Chambers of Commerce in London, he called on Japan and West Germany to take complementary action to expand their economies.

His speech followed cuts in interest rates in West Germany and France, seen as a first response by the other Group of Seven countries to agreement on cuts in the US budget deficit.

The ¼ percentage point cut was enough to revive both currency and share markets. The dollar closed 1.45 pfennigs higher in London at DM1.6835 and share prices rose in early dealings on Wall Street.

In London, share prices were also helped by better-than-expected trade figures and the FT-SE 100 index closed up 31.4 at 1,689.1. The current account deficit for October was £282 million, compared with an average monthly deficit in the previous quarter of £416 million.

In the first 10 months of the year, the cumulative deficit was £1,053 million, suggesting the Treasury forecast of a £2.5 billion deficit for the year will be too pessimistic.

Sterling fell against the dollar by 1.7 cents to $1.7715 but rose 0.66 pfennigs against the mark to DM2.9911.

In his speech yesterday, Mr Lawson warmly welcomed the US budget deficit reduction agreement between the US Administration and Congress

He said it was now necessary for Japan, and more particularly West Germany, to increase their economic momentum. Japan should also open its markets more to imports.

Now US interest rates might have to rise, said the Chancellor, to a level that could both support the dollar and finance the deficit

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King's Cross disaster

Tube blaze victims will sue

By Tony Dawe and Andrew Moger

Claims alleging negligence by London Regional Transport over the King's Cross disaster are to be made by lawyers representing some of the bereaved and injured, it was announced yesterday.

Solicitors from the central London firm of Russell Jones and Walker said that letters of claim had already been sent to the company but the amount of the claim had yet to be decided.

A solicitor from the firm attended the opening of an inquest yesterday on 28 of the 30 victims. The firm is representing Mrs Savitri Singh, who lost her son, daughter and a grandson in the disaster, and is also acting for Police Constable Stephen Hanson, of the British Transport Police, who is in hospital after his hands "melted" in the fire.

London Regional Transport, which was also legally represented at the inquest, yesterday introduced new measures to discourage smoking on the Underground, banning the advertising of cigarettes, cigars, and tobacco from all trains and stations.

A cigarette end is thought to have played a vital part in the spread of the fire last Wednesday and the company began to enforce a ban on smoking on all parts of the network yesterday. At least two commuters have been arrested for smoking at King's Cross since the ban came into force.

Details of the cause of the fire are not expected to be released for several days. Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras Coroner, said it would be "most unwise to give any details whatsoever" and Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, chairman of the public inquiry into the disaster, also declined to comment during a visit to King's Cross yesterday.

He promised that the inquiry would not be "a whitewash", saying he was determined to establish the cause of the tragedy and make recommendations to prevent it ever happening again.

Mr Fennell, who within hours of his appointment was urged by Labour MPs to root out those responsible and "feel ministers' collars" if necessary, said his inquiry would not seek to apportion specific blame or urge criminal proceedings. "Both blame and the idea of recommending prosecution are outside my terms of reference", he said.

"My task is to establish the cause and make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Transport so this kind of disaster can be prevented."

Mr Fennell said he expected to begin a preliminary hearing early next week, when he is inviting the injured, witnesses, relatives of the dead and hurt and other people "with a direct interest" to ask for leave

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Defiant Livingstone booed by Tory MPs

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Ken Livingstone was hissed and booed by Conservative MPs in an extraordinary Commons scene yesterday as he defiantly stepped up his controversial campaign over Ulster.

Labour MPs were growing increasingly exasperated as he ignored attacks on him by Mr Neil Kinnock and other Shadow Cabinet members and advice the night before by his chief whip, Mr Derek Foster, that he should concentrate on Commons work rather than speaking outside.

Yesterday Mr Livingstone appeared on a London picket line and said he would speak at a meeting next Monday with Annie Maguire, jailed over the Guildford public house bombing.

He then went to the Commons and raised a question about Ulster during Prime Minister's Question Time. He asked for an assurance that there had been no further contacts between the IRA and the intelligence services.

Mrs Thatcher, who did not conceal her anger, replied that the Government's policy since 1979 had been that it did not have contacts with the IRA or other terrorist organizations at ministerial level.

Auctioneer is fined over wrong catalogue entry

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

An art dealer yesterday succeeded in using the Trades Descriptions Act to challenge an auctioneer who had wrongly attributed a painting in his catalogue to the artist Thomas Girtin.

Usually brought into play in disputes over used cars and consumer goods, this is believed to be the first time the Act has been used in the art market. Magistrates at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, fined the auctioneer £100 for wrongly claiming that a painting he sold was the work of the well-known Georgian artist.

Their decision may have serious implications for all auction houses because the court decided that the standard disclaimer which is often used is not sufficient.

Mr Andrew Hall, prosecuting for the Hereford and Worcester Trading Standards Department, said: "There is a responsibility for the auctioneer to ensure that a description he uses is true. Mr Ward could have taken the elementary precaution of having the painting valued before the sale".

After the hearing, a spokesman from the County Trading Standards Department said: "The disclaimer Mr Ward used is a standard one found in most sale catalogues. This case, therefore, sets something of a precedent".

Mr Christopher Clarke, chairman of the British Antique Dealers' Association (BADA), said last night: "It is significant in two respects. First, we have always thought the auctioneers' descriptions were pretty worthless and nobody reads the disclaimers. But if you buy from a member of BADA, you do not have to go to the Trades Description Act as we have our own guarantees and arbitration system. We will either give you your money back or throw the offending dealer out."

The subject of the case was a relatively modest painting of a hilly landscape, claimed by Mr David Ward in the catalogue of Phipps and Pritchard to be by Thomas Girtin (1773-1802). It was sold by Mr Ward for £3,250 in a village hall.

The art dealer who bought the painting sent it for confirmation of its value to Sotheby's, who discovered the painting was by William Pearson, one of Girtin's followers and worth only about £400.

As Mr Ward refused to pay compensation, the dealer complained to the Trading Standards Department, with reference to the general disclaimer in the catalogue which said buyers had to satisfy themselves about the authenticity of works. Mr Ward was fined £100 with £50 costs under Section One of the 1968 Trades Description Act.

Mr Michael James, defending, said that both Mr Ward and the art dealer had genuinely believed the painting was the work of Girtin. Mr Ward had now paid compensation in full to the dealer and had become the owner of the painting.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Scottish miners spurn Scargill

Scotland's miners yesterday refused to back Mr Arthur Scargill's attempt to be re-elected president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The decision was endorsed by a delegate conference as British Coal announced record production figures of 3.78 tonnes per man for a six-month period, despite the union's overtime ban in protest against the corporation's disciplinary code.

Mr George Bolton, president of the Scottish NUM, said the area had decided to leave it to individual members to decide who should be their next national leader. "The election serves no purpose and can only further divide an already divided union", he said.

South Wales miners' leaders, who want to prevent Mr Scargill standing again, travel to London tomorrow to take legal advice.

Barlinnie sentences

All nine men accused in the Barlinnie prison riot trial at the High Court in Glasgow were cleared of attempted murder last night.

The jury of 10 men and five women found three men guilty of mobbing and rioting during the riot in January. They were given jail sentences of 10, eight and four years. A fourth man convicted of assaulting a prison officer was admonished.

During the trial, which lasted six weeks and cost £1.5 million, the nine had denied more than 80 counts of attempted murder.

Soccer fan freed

A fourth British soccer supporter charged with manslaughter in the 1985 Heysel Stadium riots, in which 39 people died, was freed from pre-trial custody by a Brussels appeal court yesterday.

The court rejected an appeal from the Brussels prosecutor's office that Mr James Wallace, aged 27, of Bury, Greater Manchester, should stay in prison. It upheld similar appeals involving two other defendants, Mr Stanley James Conroy and Mr Stephen McDonald.

Twenty-one Liverpool supporters remain in prison.

Shot man is named

The man shot dead when police ambushed an armed robbery at Woolwich, south London, was named by police sources yesterday as Antony Charles Ashe, a minor professional criminal from south London.

Ashe, aged 49, came from the Rye Hill estate, East Dulwich, south London, and was unemployed. He was shot by police marksmen when a gang opened fire after being challenged as they tried to exchange getaway cars. The gang had held up a Securicor van in a street near by and escaped with £10,411.

Detectives from Scotland Yard's flying squad searched three other addresses after the shooting and police took away a number of masks.

Moore in hospital

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, returned to hospital yesterday, suffering from what his department said was bacterial pneumonia.

He spent several days in a Wimbledon hospital last week and left at the weekend to resume work on Monday. He was taken ill during a Downing Street meeting with the Prime Minister and other ministers yesterday and returned to the hospital.

Colleagues believe he returned to work too soon.

Doctor is defended

A doctor who wrongly certified dead a widow aged 94 was praised by her relatives yesterday for the way he cared for her over some years. Their defence of the doctor, whom they refused to name, coincided with a statement by the Leicester Family Practitioner Committee that it will take no action because Mrs Agnes Tomblin was a private patient.

Mrs Tomblin, of Shirley Road, Leicester, was noticed still breathing at the undertaker's chapel of rest after being certified dead on Monday. She was taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary where her condition remains critical.

Building society boosts rented homes

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

A £600 million scheme to fund a revival in private rented housing in cities in England and Scotland was launched yesterday by the Nationwide Anglia Building Society.

The announcement was timed to follow the publication of the Government's housing Bill last week, which emphasizes its commitment to the private rented market.

The society will provide the money in the next five years to finance Quality Street, a joint venture company with Mr Paul Mugnaioni, who resigned recently after five years as director of housing at Glasgow District Council.

The intention is for the company to own and manage 40,000 homes by 1992 in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Liverpool, Newcastle and London, producing 19,000 lets each year with a market share of about 5 per cent in all the conurbations except London, where it will be about 1 per cent.

The scheme will also create some 13,000 jobs, mostly in the construction industry but some on improvements and maintenance.

The new company is expected to be based in Glasgow, where work will be concentrated in the first two years, largely because of Glasgow's recent housing revival and because Mr Mugnaioni knows its market.

The initiative is the first significant innovation in the housing market since housing associations and co-operatives. Its aims are to provide affordable quality housing for rent.

Mr Tim Melville-Ross, chief executive of Nationwide Anglia, said at the launching that the project could go ahead with the existing housing benefits, but that it needed government support, both in the form of capital subsidy to the company and benefit to the tenants.

"The Department of the Environment are very supportive and we have had discussions with ministers. We now need the Treasury to agree", he said.

Mr Tony Stoughton-Harris, Mr Melville-Ross's deputy at the society, and current chairman of the Building Societies Association, said he believed that the initiative would put the credibility back into rented housing, and he felt sure that other societies would follow the lead. There will be four basic sorts of property: luxurious, city centre flats; quality homes in family neighbourhoods; homes in partnership with local authorties and flats in city centres available on weekly tenure for those on the move, conference delegates and holidaymakers.

'Charter for leaks' fear on spy book publication

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Publication of *Spycatcher* in this country would be seen as a "leaker's charter" and prompt further disclosures both by its author, Mr Peter Wright, and from other disaffected members of the security services, Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, told the High Court yesterday.

If unrestrained, Mr Wright, a former MI5 officer, would "continue to make further disclosures in breach of the duty he owes to the crown", Sir Robert said. There had even been press reports of plans to make a film of the book, he added.

Sir Robert also said that publication would "fuel frustration" felt by loyal members of the security services and could prompt them to make disclosures about their own work in response.

Sir Robert was giving evidence for the crown on the second day of proceedings brought by Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, to stop publication of *Spycatcher* in this country.

The Attorney General is seeking before Mr Justice Scott to have the temporary ban now in force against *The Guardian*, *Observer* and *The Sunday Times* and other newspapers made permanent; and to limit the damage he maintains has so far resulted from publication in other countries.

Sir Robert, outlining what he described as the damage already done, said yesterday that since publication of *Spycatcher* abroad, the security services had told him there were cases where individuals helping the service had expressed concerns at the risk of exposure of their work for the service.

"One example was a person who was worried about the risk of phyical danger to himself", he said.

He said that publishers might be encouraged to publish material of that kind if the United Kingdom market was available to them; and proceedings would be more likely, with members or former members of the security services suing if the contents of books became widely disseminated. That would mean further demands for documents and disclosures.

Public debate would also intensify pressure on members of the security services and in their daily lives they would be at increased risk of being identified and having to deal with questions and comments from family, friends and the media.

It was the government view, Sir Robert said, that if the security service was to operate with full effectiveness, it had to be able to do so in secret.

There was a link between that effectiveness and the morale of its members, and if they perceived that the Government's efforts to stop publication were "unavailing" that would be an "immediate blow" to the morale of those members.

Among other consequences was that friendly countries would have their confidence diminished in the ability of the British security service to protect information given to it; and a danger that sources of information and help from individuals would dry up.

Under cross-examination by Mr Charles Gray, QC, for *The Guardian* and *Observer*, Sir Robert was asked what steps the Government had taken to introduce contractual obligations on security service staff along American lines, so that they would have to submit work they wanted to publish for approval.

Sir Robert said that no such steps had been taken, nor were any planned.

The hearing continues today.

Royal test for wheelchair

The Prince of Wales trying out a powered wheelchair during a visit yesterday to the Disabled Living Foundation in Harrow Road, Maida Hill, west London. He is president of the Prince of Wales's Advisory Group on Disability.

Prince in sea pollution plea

By John Young

The Prince of Wales called yesterday for urgent action to control North Sea pollution and for an end to recrimination about who was responsible.

In an implicit criticism of British reluctance to end the dumping of sewage and industrial waste, the Prince welcomed the precautionary line which other European countries had advocated. This would comprise legislation to prevent pollution at source rather than, as Britain has advocated, simply continue to monitor water quality.

Opening an inter-governmental conference in London, the Prince said it was right to cut the input of dangerous substances, such as heavy metals and organic chemicals and to develop a common system of measuring pollution.

During the past century the North Sea had been made into a rubbish dump and the effluents poured heedlessly into its waters were a threat to its delicate ecological balance.

The Prince of Wales said: "Some argue that we do not have enough proof of danger to justify stricter controls on dumping or to warrant the extra expenditure involved. They say that we must wait for science to provide that proof.

"If science has taught us anything, however, it is that the environment is full of uncertainty. It makes no sense to test it to destruction. While we wait for the doctor's diagnosis the patient may die."

Search nets two IRA escapers

By John Cooney

Two members of the IRA who escaped from Maze Prison were being questioned by Irish police last night as 7,000 members of the security forces continued to comb the Republic for illegal arms.

Unofficial police sources said that Dermot Finnucane and Paul Brennan, both Belfast Republicans, were arrested while hiding in a house in Granard, Co Longford.

Finnucane was among 38 prisoners who escaped from the Maze in September 1983. He had been serving an 18-year sentence for possessing arms which had been used against an Army patrol in 1981.

Brennan was jailed for 16 years in 1977 on charges of possessing a bomb.

Police also discovered two rifles and two handguns yesterday in a house in Rathfarnham, Dublin.

There were reports that two people had been detained in the town of Mullingar for questioning under the Offences Against the State Act.

Two of the 40 people arrested in dawn raids in Northern Ireland on Monday appeared in court in Belfast yesterday, charged with the illegal possession of six bullets.

They are Mr James McIlwee and his wife, Mary-Ellen, of Ardmonagh Gardens in West Belfast. They were remanded in custody. The others arrested are still being questioned.

The search is the most extensive instance of cross-border co-operation since the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement two years ago.

● Police in Northern Ireland warned the public yesterday of an upsurge in sectarian violence since the Enniskillen bombing.

"It is imperative that everyone plays their part in defeating terrorism. The best way of doing that is to let the police know of your observations and suspicions. That way you can help save a life or avoid a traumatic experience for someone", a spokesman at RUC headquarters in Belfast said.

Computer centres to cost £22m

By Robert Matthews Technology Correspondent

Britain is to get a national "supercomputing" centre paid for by IBM, the multinational company.

IBM (UK) said yesterday that it would be setting up the centre as part of an initiative to establish at least five such supercomputing centres in Europe, all of them linked on a scale similar to the network already established in the United States.

According to Mr Brian Whitaker, the company's academic systems marketing manager, IBM Europe is providing about £22 million over the next two years for the setting up of the centres, with its subsidiaries putting up any extra funding.

The cost includes a parallel programme under which five universities with suitable IBM machines will be given software and hardware capable of turning them into supercomputers.

The location of the UK centre is likely to be announced in January, with a number of academic institutions, including Glasgow University and the Manchester Business School being considered as possible hosts.

Mr Whitaker said that the aim was to make the centre similar to that at Cornell University in New York state, where the supercomputer supports the work of 1,300 researchers.

Britain already has more than 20 supercomputers in place, more than any other European country. However, the number of people trained to exploit their capabilities is still limited.

● A revolutionary pocket telephone service costing far less than cellular radio but giving much higher quality is to be launched in Britain next year.

Yesterday, Ferranti announced that it is to enter the rapidly expanding portable communications market with the launch of the Zonephone, which uses digital technology to give clear reception even in a crowded office.

It is to manufacture and market the phone under a UK exclusive licence from Libera Developments, a joint venture company including Ferranti; Telephone Rentals and a number of institutional investors.

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Karpov levels series

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Seville

Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, resigned overnight the hopeless position he held in the adjourned sixteenth game of his title defence against Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov's sealed move had been 41Qf2.

In the final positon, Karpov, playing Black, dominatedthe centre of the board and faced a choice of trying to attack the exposed white king or advancing his pawns on the queen's wing where black had one pawn more.

His outstanding play in this game has resulted in the match being levelled; both players have eight points.

However, it is a striking feature of the championship that the normally advantageous white pieces are experiencing enormous difficulty.

On Monday, the champion sealed his forty-first move after considering the position for 20 minutes, which indicated the severe problems he faced.

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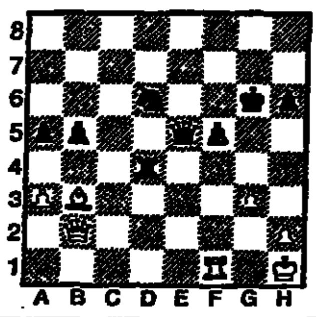

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Fake stamps

Curator warns collectors

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

A big collection of fake stamps has been traced to West Germany and destroyed after detective work by Mr Bob Schoolley West, stamp curator at the British Library.

However the library has warned that many of the stamps, manufactured as reproductions but virtually indistinguishable from the originals, are still in circulation.

"We want to put people on their guard. Some of the material is accurate beyond belief and I'm sure at some stage they will be passed as genuine", Mr West said yesterday.

He said he did not know how many had been reproduced and sold, although "the number could be vast". It would depend on the number of variations and their condition, whether pristine, cancelled or even on envelopes.

Mr West is less concerned about the most valuable stamps because, being rare, they will be quickly identifiable as forgeries. "It's the middle market I'm concerned about – the sort of things the man in the street might buy for £100 or £200."

In 1985 Mr West dealt with a routine request from a German to view a number of rare stamps from a range of countries, including Hawaii, Mauritius and Romania.

The man signed the library's copyright declaration, saying that they were for his private use only, and took 63 colour prints and monochromes. "It was £2,000 worth of photographic work. So large was the order we gave him a slight discount."

In March last year, Mr West saw an advertisement in *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*, the philately magazine, placed by PROPHILFORUM, a company advertising reproductions of rare and valuable stamps. "My mind started ticking. Then I looked at the address, saw it was Bremen and it all clicked."

It is normally against Gibbons policy to run advertisements for such material because they can be deceptive to the point of forgery. Mr West assumes the advertisement was a late booking and could not be checked in time.

He said he contacted Treasury solicitors who put him in touch with copyright solicitors based in Bremen, where he made two visits in the search for the company. "They obviously hoped we would go away. But eventually we gave them seven days notice, before taking them to court."

The company was forced to sign admissions of breach of copyright and agreed to pay the British Library's costs and to destroy the fake stock.

Union rejects terms as ITV disputes escalate

By Roland Rudd

A dispute over manning levels in two independent television companies escalated yesterday after the trade unions refused to give unconditional assurances that there would be no more industrial action.

Members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians were locked out of TV-am for the second day running.

Tyne Tees television has told 34 electricians, who originally went on strike over new shift arrangements, to go back to work by this afternoon or face dismissal.

TV-am said it was not prepared to allow the ACTT back to work and would not negotiate with its leaders until the union promised to end its disruption of the station's *Caring Christmas campaign*. Union members orginally walked out because the company insisted on staffing the daily roadshow without a production assistant and a director.

The union believes that the comany is taking its lead from a meeting with the Government at 10 Downing Street when the Prime Minister criticized independent television as "the last bastion of restrictive practices in British industry".

● Anne Robinson, the Fleet Street columnist, is to take over Michael Aspel's BBC Radio 2 Saturday morning programme from January 2, it was announced last night.

She will initially host the two-hour compilation of music, news, interviews and reviews for a 13-week season.

● The Prime Minister yesterday told MPs of her opposition to televising the Commons. Conservative opponents of Commons broadcasting predicted last night that her intervention would clinch the vote against letting in the cameras.

Women applying for quangos but more sought

By David Walker Public Administration Correspondent

The Whitehall body which compiles a list of the "great and the good" for appointment to quangos and committees said yesterday there has been an encouraging increase in the number of women on its files.

However, the Public Appointments Unit said it is still seeking many more.

The unit yesterday followed up remarks made by the Prime Minister expressing her wish that there were more women in public life, by saying it would welcome any names submitted to it, addressed to the Cabinet Office, Horseguards Road, London SW1P 3AL.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said on Monday that she sends back shortlists of candidates for jobs unless they contain the name of at least one woman.

The appointments unit keeps a central list of all those who want to be considered for full or part-time assignments on official committees and the hundreds of public bodies answerable to Whitehall.

At present it has 1,500 women on its lists, 27 per cent of the total. The unit said that was up from 20 per cent in May.

Of people appointed to quangos, non-departmental public bodies, about 20 per cent, or 8,000, are women.

Whitehall has made efforts to make it easier for women in public life. Yet an official of the First Division Association, the senior Civil Servants' union, said that if Mrs Thatcher, who is ultimately responsible for the Civil Service, put as much commitment into equal opportunities as she has into Whitehall's financial management initiative more progress could be made.

Miss Sue Corby, of the First Division Association, said the Civil Service lagged behind private industry and local government in the number of part-time jobs it offered, part-time work often suiting women with families.

She said that fewer women were promoted in Whitehall than men.

Of Whitehall's top 663 positions, grades 1 to 3 for permanent, deputy and under-secretaries, 26 are occupied by women. In grades 4 to 7 of the 17,816 officials, 1,331 are women.

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Chivalry orders gain sex equality

By Alan Hamilton

The Queen has struck a small but illustrious blow for equality of the sexes by deciding that the country's highest orders of chivalry, the Garter and the Thistle, will henceforth be open on equal terms to women and men.

The news has delighted backbench Conservative MPs, who believe the first beneficiary is likely to be Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who will become the longest serving prime minister of the century in January. The Order of the Garter has two vacancies.

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that no new appointments to the orders, both in the gift of the sovereign, were envisaged.

Both the Queen and the Queen Mother are members of the Garter and the Thistle by virtue of their status, and Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and the Queen of Denmark are Extra Ladies of the Garter, an honorary membership reserved for foreign royalty.

No woman has been made an ordinary member since the order was founded by Edward III in 1348.

If a woman were appointed she would became a Lady of the Garter and styled, for example, Lady Joan Smith, LG. The Garter would be worn on the arm.

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Dawn raid on estate after child sex ring allegations

By Ian Smith

Seventeen children aged between three and 15 were taken into care yesterday after an investigation into a suspected child sex and pornography ring allegedly organized by parents and friends.

Ten girls and seven boys are with foster parents after police and social workers spent a month in Congleton, Cheshire, collecting evidence about what police believe was one of the biggest child abuse networks in Britain.

Detectives are questioning 18 men and women at three Cheshire police stations and charges are expected today.

Allegations about alleged widespread child sex abuse on a council estate in Congleton, a small market town used as a country retreat by Manchester businessmen, were first made in October to social workers, who passed the information to Cheshire police.

After a number of children and adults had been interviewed, the social services applied for and were granted place of safety orders by a magistrate on Monday.

Police and social workers arrived shortly after dawn yesterday on the council estate. A number of adults were taken into custody for questioning while children were moved or removed to foster homes.

Mr David Wakefield, social services director, said: "In the light of information placed before a magistrate, place of safety orders have been obtained in respect of the children whose welfare might be at risk.

"A team of experienced social workers, child care staff and foster parents are now caring for the children, pending further inquiries by social services and the police.

"The police and ourselves are working closely together and every effort is being made to avoid distress to the children."

Social services staff in Chester, who believe more alleged cases may come to light, are manning a helpline and awaiting calls from parents or children seeking assistance.

"Our only concern is in ensuring no child remains at risk and that immediate help and guidance is available to them and any parents worried that their son, daughter or both have been drawn into the affair", a senior county council official said.

Mrs Judy Parry, founder of Manchester Childwatch, has also enlisted volunteers to run her organization's telephones. "It takes enormous courage first to accept this sort of appalling abuse is taking place and then even more courage to confide in anyone", she said.

Police, who expect their inquiries to take some days, said they would welcome any information from the social services or Childwatch hotlines.

The social services refused last night to comment on suggestions that they were alerted to the alleged offences by an envelope of obscene pictures sent to their office.

Cleveland inquiry

Doctors' accuser denies hypocrisy

By Peter Davenport

The doctor who made a scathing criticism of the two consultant paediatricians at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse crisis was asked during cross-examination yesterday whether, in her own words, she had been guilty of "an outrageous sexual assault" in examining a boy aged four to reinforce her findings before giving evidence to the inquiry.

Dr Raine Roberts, a Manchester police surgeon and a consultant in child sexual abuse to the NSPCC, was called in by parents to carry out independent second opinions about their children.

In evidence submitted to the inquiry on Monday she said that the two consultants, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, had committed "outrageous sexual assaults" on children by their methods of examination.

Yesterday Mr Robert Nelson, QC, for the two Middlesbrough consultants, told Dr Roberts that her view of the whole affair was "malcoloured". She replied: "I hope not, I am trying to be impartial and objective."

Asked if her criticisms did not "look like a very hard and very personal attack", Dr Roberts replied: "I don't think it looks hard. It is a matter which had to be said."

Dr Roberts said the examination of the boy was part of a routine examination which Mr Nelson was trying to distort. She denied that she was being hypocritical.

Earlier Dr Roberts said that she believed that the medical technique at the centre of the inquiry, reflex anal dilatation, would prove to be of not much significance. In itself it was not a sign of sexual abuse.

Mr Michael Kirwen, for the Northern Regional Health Authority, asked: "If you have got it wrong then the results in a lot of cases in the courts would be distorted?"

Dr Roberts: "I agree and if I find out I have been wrong I will be very sad, very contrite and try harder the next time".

Dr Roberts said she had examined 35 children belonging to 18 Cleveland families. Yesterday she produced comments on 18 of them. She said all those old enough to understand why they had been brought to see her denied they had been sexually abused.

Dr Roberts said she had found no evidence of anal abuse in any of the Ceveveland children she had examined but had found confirmatory signs of sexual abuse in two cases and was prepared to consider it in two others.

With the evidence of Dr Higgs and Dr Roberts the inquiry has heard conflicting medical opinions of the diagnostic technique that is central to the way the issue developed. Today the Leeds consultants who pioneered the method, Dr Jane Wynne and Dr Christopher Hobbs, will give an audio-visual presentation.

35 years of mouse-trapping

Another night, another performance. But for Diana Marchment, preparing to take her turn on stage as Mollie Ralston, tonight's entrance will be one of the most memorable of her life. It marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of *The Mousetrap* in London's West End (Lynda Murdin, Arts Correspondent, writes).

The Agatha Christie mystery first opened on November 25 at the Ambassadors Theatre and was transferred in 1974 to the neighbouring St Martin's Theatre. The play has been running longer than any other production in the world.

Since its early days, when it starred Sir Richard Attenborough and his wife, Sheila Sim, the play has been seen by more than seven million people and taken more than £13 million at the box office. *The Mousetrap* now has a new cast and new director every year; the latest take over on Monday.

(Photograph: Tim Bishop.)

Portfolio —Gold—

Early gift heralds a birthday

The only winner of *The Times Portfolio Gold* prize yesterday is Mr Leonard John Woodfine, of Chestnut Way, Godalming, Surrey. Mr Woodfine wins £8,000, double the usual amount as there were no other winners yesterday.

Mr Woodfine, who will be 65 in two weeks' time, worked before his retirement as a finance officer in the gas industry. He and his wife Iris have been reading *The Times* for "years and years and years" and have been playing Portfolio Gold since it started. They have one daughter and two small grandchildren.

"The win is a very welcome birthday present", Mr Woodfine said yesterday, adding that he was not yet sure about how to spend the prize. He said that most of it would probably be deposited in a building society as a nest-egg.

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Mr Woodfine: Celebrating an early birthday gift.

NHS theatres under-used

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Hospital operating theatres are being used to half their capacity although there are huge waiting lists, the National Audit Office disclosed yesterday in a report.

The independent public watchdog said this meant that thousands of urgent operations were being unnecessarily delayed and that up to £40 million a year was being wasted on running costs.

In five district health authorities which it examined in detail, the audit office concluded that an extra 11,000 operations a year could be performed if the theatres were fully used.

The report tells of inadequate forward planning on admissions, a lack of coordination between hospital departments, and a serious imbalance between staffing levels, bed availability and operating time.

The report also acknowledges that using the theatres at full capacity would cause health authorities severe budgetary problems.

Mr Robert Sheldon, chairman of the all-party commons public accounts committee, said senior Department of Health officials would be questioned soon on the report's "very serious" findings.

Mr Paddy Ross, chairman of the consultants' committee of the British Medical Association, said government underfunding of a "crumbling" sector was to blame and he said the situation was getting "dramatically worse".

The report cites figures of 29,000 urgent operations being delayed more than a month and 164,000 other operations more than a year, and criticizes the Department of Health for failing to deal with the long-standing problem of under-used theatres.

It concludes: "Overall the problems of maximizing the use of operating theatres appear to the NAO to be so widespread and deep-rooted that they are unlikely to be overcome without concerted and centrally co-ordinated action aimed specifically at theatre utilization."

The audit office, which concentrated its investigation on the Bath, Northampton, Southampton, Tameside (Stockport) and Wakefield health authorities, found that 28 per cent of available weekday theatre time was not scheduled for use, while 23 per cent was unused because operations had been cancelled.

National Audit Office: Use of Operating Theatres in the National Health Service (Stationery Office; £4.80).

Lawyer in court over 'threat'

A solicitor threatened to discredit a policeman unless the officer altered his evidence against a colleague accused of assault.

Mr Peter Lawson, of Little Hardhorne, near Blackpool, is accused of perverting the course of justice on two occasions by "frightening and intimidating" Sergeant Gordon Gibson. He denies the charge.

Liverpool Crown Court was told that Mr Lawson, acting for Police Constable David Nightingale, who was accused of assaulting two youths, twice threatened to disclose disreputable aspects of Sgt Gibson's private life. Sgt Gibson had witnessed the incident

Mr Lawson first spoke to Sgt Gibson on February 24. On the second occasion, about a month later, Sgt Gibson secretly recorded their conversation.

The case continues today.

Test tube baby clinics merge to treat more

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Britain's two leading private "test tube" baby clinics and research centres are merging their resources. They hope to treat 2,500 infertile couples next year, an increase of 500 over the number they are treating separately.

The doctors hope by sharing the different techniques devised at each centre to improve the number of successful pregnancies.

Each attempt costs £1,500, but fewer than 40 per cent of embryos produced by artificial fertilization become implanted in the uterus. Only three out of four of those lead to successful pregnancies.

The new arrangement links the two pioneers, Mr Patrick Steptoe and Professor Robert Edwards, of Bourn Hall, Cambridge, with a team led by Dr Kamal Ahuja, at the Cromwell Hospital in London.

The Cambridge team perfected the method of *in vitro* fertilization, IVF, or fertilizing an egg in a laboratory dish.

The team, working at the Cromwell with Dr Ahuja, who is also a research fellow at the Medical Research Council's Embryology Unit at Carshalton, south-west London, have concentrated on gamete intra-fallopian transfer, or GIFT, developed from work at the Royal Free Hospital.

Dr Ahuja said yesterday there were profound and important advances in research needed.

The joint research programme between Cambridge and London would concentrate on freezing of embryos and the fertilization of eggs that have been in deep freeze; understanding molecules of glyco-proteins which are essential in the establishment of a successful pregnancy; and in the methods of collecting eggs from mothers-to-be at the most appropriate moment.

Confederate bonds pay off

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

SALEROOM

American Civil War bonds issued on behalf of the Confederate Army , and rendered worthless when they lost, regained a proportion of their original value when they sold at Sotheby's London yesterday for nearly double their estimate.

The 5,000 bonds, worth about US$60 million when issued in the 1850s, were paid for originally by British and other Europeans who supported the Confederates. But when the Confederates surrendered, the American government refused to recognize the debt.

In London, the bonds were held by by British trustees and survived floods and bombs until the sale room battle between nine bidders – five on the telephone and four in the room – saw them fall to Mr John Saunders, a Californian dealer, present on behalf of himself and Heritage Rare Coins of Dallas, Texas, for £352,000 (estimate £180,000).

Christie's London had varying success with its sale of Islamic and Indian art yesterday when 39 per cent failed to sell. Top price was for a fine Indian enamelled gold-mounted kard and sheath, which fetched £37,400. Ninety-five per cent of European glass sold, with top prices including £3,960 for a pair of Staffordshire tea-caddies and £2,200 for an opaque-twist taper stick, both bought by Aspreys.

At Sothbey's Chinese ceramics and art sale in Hong Kong a record was achieved for a piece of Yuan porcelain when a rare fourteenth century blue and white dish sold for HK$7.5 million (£536,970).

At Sotheby's works of art sale in New York, where 87 per cent sold, high prices included that of US$330,000 (£178,378) for an early seventeenth-century French bronze of a man carrying a child, and US$121,000 for a sixteenth-century Paduan bronze warrior.

The Paris auction continued on Monday with Guy Londmer claiming it had scored a number of record prices. The first was for a Picasso engraving, "La Femme qui pleure", which sold for FFr3.3 million. A Fernand Leger oil, "Le garcon de cafe", fetched FFr10 million francs, while Kees Van Dongen's "Les Trois Graces" sold for FFr5.8 million francs.

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Government to sell off Brel, MPs are told

British Rail Engineering Ltd (Brel), one of the main suppliers of railway rolling stock to British Rail, is to be privatized, **Mr Paul Channon**, Secretary of State for Transport, told the Commons in a statement.

He said that Brel had been extensively reorganized in the past few years and consisted of four main works: at Crewe, York and two at Derby. It concentrated on manufacture and heavy overhaul.

The board of British Rail had completed a review of options for the future of Brel and recommended that it should be offered for sale as soon as possible. He had given his approval to that.

"Great strides have been made by the Brel management and workforce towards commercial viability and competitive levels of productivity.

"But I believe that the business can best develop and flourish in the private sector.

"There it will also have much greater freedom to diversify and compete for work outside the railway supply industry and, I hope, to create new employment opportunities."

Privatizing Brel would be good the railway, good for the railway supply industry and good for Brel.

Changes stemming largely from the modernization of BR's locomotive and rolling stock fleets had reduced substantially the need for repairs.

The board planned to invite offers for all four main works together as a single business. The aim was to be ready to invite offers by next spring and to complete the sale as soon as possible after that.

The railways board and its merchant bank advisers would be in the lead in developing plans for the sale. His approval would be needed for the eventual sale.

The board proposed making separate arrangments for the sale of the Brel foundry at Horwich, near Bolton. The aim would be to find a buyer to take it over as going concern, probably some time next year.

TRANSPORT

Mr Robert Hughes, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said that the statement confirmed the cynical manipulation and betrayal of the workforce of Brel.

Under this Government, it would have fallen from 35,000 to 7,500 by April next year. Brel sales had fallen from £668 million in 1979 to £430 million by April next year.

The only people who had paid the price of rationalization had been the 25,000 who had lost their jobs in a vain attempt to make secure the jobs of their workmates.

Mr Hughes (left) and Mr Martin, who criticized the plan.

Could Mr Channon guarantee that privatization would provide a secure future for the workforce? The Government's and the management's response to its self-sacrifice had been contemptible.

BR management had ignored investment and instead invested in redundancy cheques to the tune of £170 million.

In putting squalid competitive tendering before investment, Mr Channon was choosing to put at risk the life of the industry.

Mr Channon said that he entirely disagreed. There had been an enormous investment programme in British Rail of some £3 billion. About £1 billion was for rolling stock and locomotives for which Brel had an excellent opportunity to tender.

He was in no way cynically manipulating the workforce. This offered the best possibility of a secure future. No one could give a guarantee for ever more about the size of a particular industry.

Since BR had begun placing new orders competitively, Brel had obtained about 70 per cent of them.

Mrs Margaret Beckett (Derby South, Lab) said that the pattern of privatization was major investment followed by massive redundancies and the rundown of order books.

How much did he expect his friends in the City to make from this privatization? What safeguards was he offering against foreign ownership?

Mr Channon said that he was trying to get a secure future for Brel if that could be arranged.

"No one can ever give a guarantee about that, but I am convinced, as are British Rail and, I understand, the management of Brel itself that they have a better future in the private sector."

Mr Channon also spoke of the opportunities which would be available to Brel with work for the Channel tunnel and the London Underground.

He said that he understood that the executive directors hoped to proceed with a bid that would include employee participation and if that succeeded he thought it would be welcome, but he could not express views on the merits of that until there were other bids. "But that is a possible opportunity."

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) asked what protection there would be against a foreign buyer buying a workshop and then transferring the order book to a factory abroad.

Mr Channon said that he saw no reason to exclude overseas bids. Indeed, there would be strong commercial arguments for allowing them because it was important to see what was the best price available.

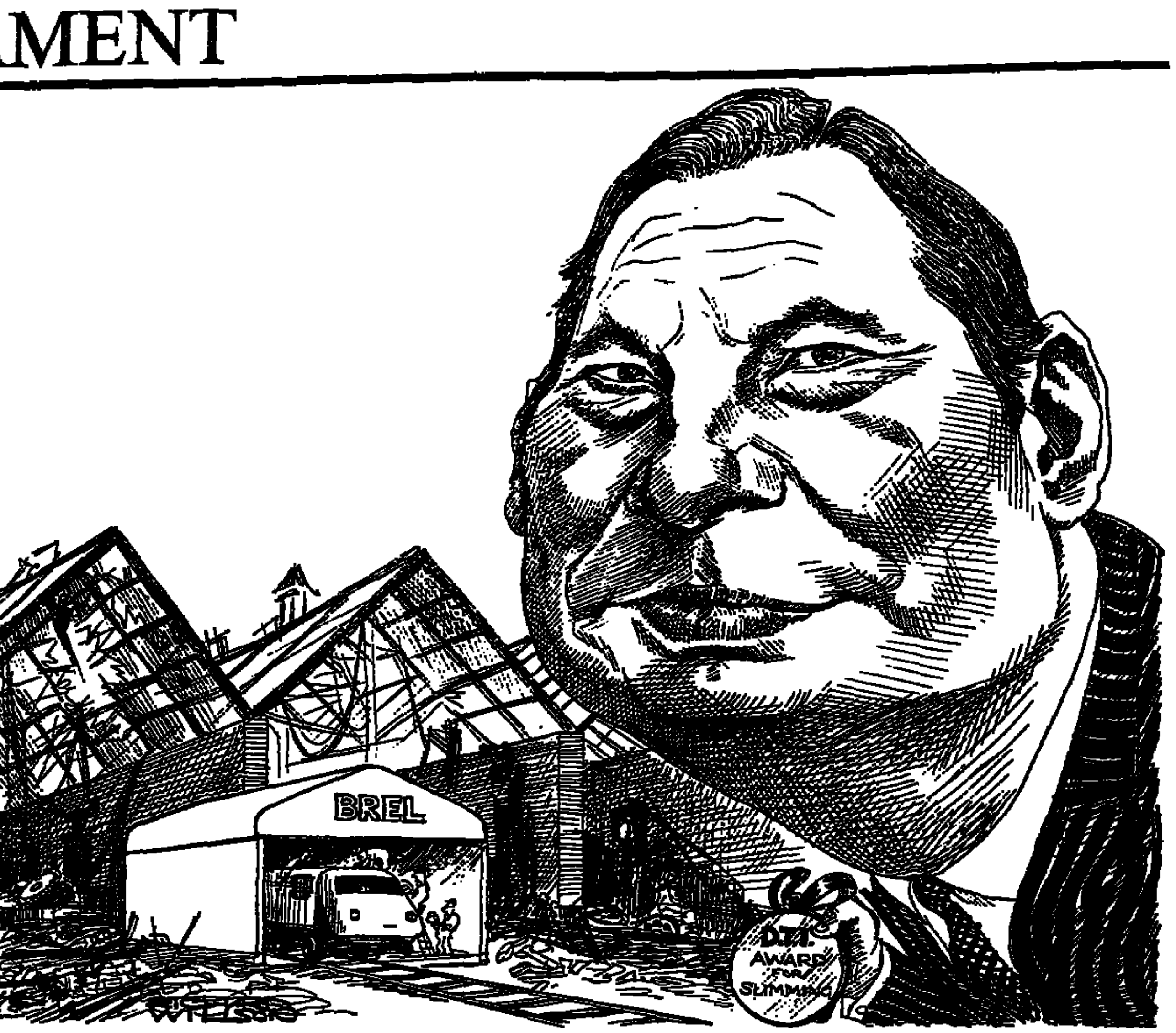
All the issues could be considered, and any question of a monopoly situation would be a matter for the Director General of Fair Trading.

Mr Michael Martin (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab) said that within weeks of the announcement about the closure of the Springburn workshops an American businessman telephoned him and the directors promising the creation of hundreds of jobs in the area. But Brel officials were convinced that the American was interested only in the land. What assurance could the minister give that the same would not be true in this case?

Mr Channon said that if a management buyout succeeded, Mr Martin's suggestions would be ill founded, and he was sure that would be true of any sale of which the Government approved.

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) said that engineering workers involved in these enterprises believed that the Government had been in collusion with British Rail in sabotaging their future in prohibiting them from tendering for work.

Mr Channon said he could not imagine what conceivable motive BR or the Government could have to try to destroy Brel. He had a list of contracts which Brel had won in the past few years.



Mr Paul Channon: No one can give a guarantee for ever about the size of a particular industry.

Operation for heart-case child likely to be carried out soon, says Thatcher

The Prime Minister told the Commons that the intensive care unit at the Birmingham Hospital where a baby was awaiting a heart operation had returned to full strength and it was now hoped that the operation would take place "very soon".

One Labour MP asked her, amid Conservative protests, whether she merely intended to attend the funeral and another asked whether, as a mother, she was happy with a Government that created conditions in which a baby had to apply six times for an operation and had not yet had one.

Mr Harry Barnes (North East Derbyshire, Lab) asked her to ensure Government action on the baby, David Barber, who had five times had an operation postponed.

PRIME MINISTER

"Will she ensure immediate action so that the operation takes place and a life is saved, or is it only her intention to attend the funeral?"

Mrs Thatcher said that the hopsital unit was back to full strength today and it was hoped that the operation would take place as soon as possible.

"There was a shortage of paediatric nurses. This is one reason we need to look at the pay of nurses structurally to see that such shortages are remedied."

Miss Alice Mahon (Halifax, Lab): As a mother, will she be happy with a Government which creates conditions in which a small baby six times has to apply for a life-saving operation and has not yet had one?

Mrs Thatcher: There has been an enormous increase of expenditure in the health service (Labour protests). They are short of paediatric nurses. We are trying to deal with the problem by looking at the pay of nurses on the basis that we need more. I understand that the unit is back to full strength and it is hoped that the operation will take place very soon.

Earlier, **Mr David Nellist** (Coventry South East, Lab) said during questions on health and social services that if babies died because their life-saving heart operations were cancelled, health ministers and the Prime Minister would not be able to pass it off as an accident because it would be murder.

He said that real cuts in health authority budgets had led in recent days to the cancellation of heart operations on babies as young as 11 weeks old.

Just over an hour ago they had heard that the parents of David Barber, aged six weeks, were refused permission in the High Court for an injunction to compel Birmingham health authority immediately to carry out a life-saving operation on the baby.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, said that the particular problem in these cases had been a shortage of intensive care nurses.

He was glad to say that he understood from the chairman of the West Midlands regional health authority, to whom he had spoken this morning, that there had been some improvement in the staffing position, in particular as a result of the return of some staff from illness, and that all the intensive care beds there were now open.

Select committee paper

'Babies with Aids' report to get speedy reply

The Government hopes to respond soon to the report by the House of Commons Select Committee on Social Services, which pointed out that it is not known how Aids was transmitted to babies, during pregnancy or new-born, and which recommended research to discover the extent of the problem.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Health, also told **Miss Joan Lestor** (Eccles, Lab) during questions that the Government had no reports of any babies diagnosed with Aids at birth.

Since the beginning of 1985 there had been reports of 63 children born in the United Kingdom with antibodies to the human immuno-deficiency virus HIV.

All had been born to mothers who were either infected with HIV, or were at high risk of infection.

"We do not know in how many of these children the HIV antibodies will persist. There may also have been other babies with HIV who have not been tested and reported."

He said later that since hospitals in the North-West Thames region were dealing with more than half the number of known Aids cases in England, that area had received extra allocations, and would be getting still more.

"I hope to announce shortly talks with some of the local authorities in relevant parts of London in the hope of making the appropriate help available to them as well."

Other points from health and social security questions include:

● **Mrs Edwina Currie**, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, dismissed press reports about flu vaccine shortages as "scare stories".

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab) had said that as long ago as early October constituents of his were turned away by their doctors and told that no flu vaccine was available. They were also told that they could put their names down for next year if they wished.

"It is obvious from press reports that this is widespread." This vaccination was preventive medicine at its best and it was a grave mistake to have allowed the supply of vaccine to dry up.

Mrs Currie said that, on the contrary, supplies of flu vaccine had increased substantially this year.

"I understand the scare stories in the press came after a press conference by an organization called The Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau, which is run and funded by the

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very companies that produce the vaccine.

"We have no evidence of any such epidemic or any such scare having any basis."

● The most recent, 1983, survey of occupational pension schemes showed that 11.1 million employees were members of such schemes, but the number had remained stubbornly around 50 per cent of workers, **Mr Nicholas Scott**, Minister for Social Security, said during Commons questions.

Mr Harry Bellingham (North West Norfolk, C) said that the Social Security Act, 1986, would provide greater independence and meant a social revolution on a par with the sale of council houses.

Mr Scott said that state benefits should be basic, but the more that people made their own provisions for occupational schemes, the better they would be able to enjoy their retirement.

● Terrified women suffering from breast cancer were having life-saving operations postponed four or five times, **Mrs Joan Ruddock** (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab) said at question time. What did the Minister for Health have to say to them, she asked.

She failed to understand why regional and district health authorities were all having to discuss how to meet the cuts that the Government was imposing.

What did he have to say about the findings of the medical committee of the South-East Thames Regional Health Authority, that it was not unusual for breast surgery to be cancelled four or five times?

What had he got to say to those terrified women whose lives depended on swift and effective surgery who were being treated in that disgraceful way in order to meet Government financial guidelines?

Mr Newton, Minister for Health, said that there were no plans for cash reductions to the four Thames health authorities.

The overall cash increase projected for the next three years was about 15 per cent. Health authority allocations for 1988-89 would be announced shortly.

The Government had made quite clear its plans for the further development of breast-cancer screening services.

Additional money had been made available to Thames regions last year under the heading of RAWP (Resource Allocation Working Party); bridging funds and further allocations under that heading would be announced shortly.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) asked if Mr Newton would be prepared to meet a delegation of doctors and nurses from St Thomas's Hospital, across the River Thames from Parliament, where 137 beds had been closed.

That hospital served the needs of those MPs who had not made private arrangements.

If they were all to have a heart attack in the same massage parlour, there would be great strain on the health services, particularly at St Thomas's where there would not be enough beds.

Mr Newton said that he had discussed some of these problems last week at a meeting with one of the consultants at the hospital.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) said that, despite the welcome news about additional increases in money for the regions, somehow or other, in many districts, there still seemed to be just as much difficulty as there ever was.

Mr Newton replied that the Government was reviewing RAWP at the national level and was discussing with the regions the operation of their allocation policies at sub-regional levels.

Nurses' poll tax angers Kinnock

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, called on the Prime Minister during question time in the Commons to explain the precise justification for making nurses in residential homes liable for the whole of poll tax.

Mrs Thatcher replied that nurses in residential homes would have the same treatment on community charge as other people. Those on low pay would get up to 80 per cent rebate.

Mr Kinnock: Is she making a new announcement that low wages like those of nurses will be enough to qualify people for the full 80 per cent reduction in poll tax liability?

Mrs Thatcher: No. What I am saying is that student nurses receive more than those at universities on student grants and that is the reason for the difference. He tries to masquerade as being on the side of the nurses (Opposition protests).

The Opposition can hardly claim to be the nurses' friend. They cut nurses' pay in real terms three years running and in 1976-77 by 10 per cent.

Under this Government, the pay of nurses has gone up by 30 per cent in real terms (Conservative cheers).

Mr Kinnock: If the Prime Minister is concerned now about the economic condition of nurses, will she instruct the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr John Moore) not to withdraw the night-time and weekend payments from nurses and instruct the Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Nicholas Ridley) not to impose a poll tax obligation on people who currently have little or no rates obligation?

Mrs Thatcher: No. The proposals go to the review body for nurses, set up by this Government and which nurses did not have under previous governments. It is necessary to have a look at it structurally.

Earlier, **Dr Michael Clark** (Rochford, C) said that the North-East Thames regional health authority had decided to build a new cancer treatment unit on the eastern outskirts of London and close the cancer treatment unit at Southend. That would mean long journeys for his constituents and others.

Would the Prime Minister prevail upon Mr Moore to review this decision and spend some of the money at Southend?

Mrs Thatcher said that she was aware of the regional health authority's decision which would now go to the Secretary of State. He would be looking very carefully at the proposals.

'We will not contact the IRA'

Mrs Thatcher was cheered when she said that the IRA was working against citizens, against democracy and against all innocent people, in reply to **Mr Ken Livingstone** (Brent East, Lab).

He had countered criticism about his comments on the IRA by asking her for an assurance that there had been "no further contacts" between her MI5 and MI6 intelligence services.

Conservative MPs hissed when Mr Livingstone was called.

He asked her to explain "how she equates her view that there should be no negotiations with the IRA, with her membership of a previous Conservative Government in which Lord Whitelaw met and negotiated with the IRA.

"Can she assure us that there have been no further contacts between the IRA and members of her own intelligence services, MI5 and MI6, in the past eight years?"

Mrs Thatcher: The policy of this Government since 1979 has been that we do not have contacts with the IRA at ministerial level nor with other terrorist organizations.

Earlier, **Sir Fergus Montgomery** (Altrincham and Sale, C) had asked the Prime minister to seek a meeting with Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, on Privy Council terms, to ensure that the Opposition withdrew all support from Mr Livingstone.

Mrs Thatcher: No. I will not seek a meeting with the Leader of the Opposition.

Most of us believe that no one in this House should have talks with the IRA (Conservative cheers).

Self-defence for police

The police must have the full means of proper self-defence, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

She was responding to **Mr James Spicer** (West Dorset, C), who said that if criminals carried firearms and were prepared to use them, they must be prepared to see that sort of force exercised against them by those in authority.

TV opposed

Televising the proceedings of the House of Commons would not, the Prime Minister thought, enhance its reputation. That, she told **Mr Tony Banks** (Newham North West, Lab), was why she was opposed to it.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry. Urban Development Corporations (Financial Limits) Bill and Scottish Development Agency Bill, remaining stages. Motion on Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (England) Order.
Lords (2.30): Debates on privatization and competition and on alcohol abuse.

Hurd accused of gun law neglect

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Labour intensified its attack on the Government over gun laws last night by accusing it of scandalous neglect in not rushing forward legislation to tighten controls on firearms and shotguns.

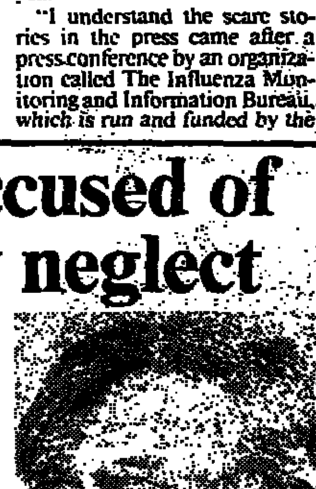
Mr Roy Hattersley's comments came after *The Times* disclosed that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is to publish proposals in a White Paper next week with a Bill put forward for second reading in the Commons after Christmas.

Seizing on the fatal shootings of two armed men by the police this week, Mr Hattersley, shadow Home Secretary, said that Mr Hurd had wasted too much time negotiating with the gun lobby. He should produce his Bill at once.

"I welcome the decision by the Home Secretary to introduce legislation to tighten control. But his reluctance to act with speed is inexcusable. I expect urgency and I believe that the police and the country expect it too," Mr Hattersley told his constituency party in Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

"Of course, increased controls over the ownership and use of guns will not, in itself, stop criminals arming themselves, but the tighter the law on gun control, the more difficult it must be to get hold of firearms."

Mr Hattersley also warned Mr Hurd that Labour will scrutinize his proposals closely and seek to toughen them further if he does not compel licence applicants to show good cause for possessing a gun.



Mr Hattersley: Minister's reluctance "inexcusable".

"The Labour Party will be looking for a clause which places the strictest onus of proof of need on those who apply for a shotgun or firearms certificate."

Its intention was to ensure that all guns were held for a specific and necessary purpose in contrast to the present relatively casual attitudes towards their ownership.

Mr Hattersley also said that figures to be released on Friday by the Chief Constable of Thames Valley, which includes Hungerford, would reveal a frightening level of gun ownership. More than 34,000 people in that area held a shotgun certificate and more than 6,300 a firearms certificate.

Jobs Bill concession ruled out

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government firmly ruled out yesterday any concessions on the so-called "scabs' charter" in its Employment Bill, despite growing hostility from even its own supporters.

At a conference last weekend the Conservative Trade Unionists organization overwhelmingly rejected a clause in the Bill which protects a union member who refuses to join industrial action endorsed by a majority ballot, saying it was "extremely stupid and damaging".

Similiar criticisms have been levelled by various employers' groups and members of the CBI.

However, Mr John Cope, Minister for Employment, used yesterday's committee stage of the Bill to reject the Conservative Trade Unionists' case. It views were carefully considered, he said, "but we do make our own decisions".

He said the CBI's position was "not clear cut" and referred to a recent CBI letter in *The Times* which was "far from being an out-and-out condemnation".

Ministers have argued that union members can jeopardize their own jobs by taking part even in ballot-endorsed industrial action and that, without the clause, they would not have the option of returning to work if the strike was continuing but the grounds for the dispute had materially altered.

Prosecution's right to object to jurors will be restricted, minister promises

The following report of the peers' consideration of the Criminal Justice Bill appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

Prosecuting counsel will be instructed to use their right to object to jurors only with the agreement of the defence or, in matters involving terrorism or national security, with the personal approval of the Attorney General, **the Earl of Caithness**, Minister of State, Home Office, announced in the House of Lords.

He said that the Attorney General's guidelines to Crown counsel would be revised, with the result that in only a tiny number of cases would they be allowed to exercise their right to require jurors to "stand by".

The announcement came during the third day of the report stage on the Bill when a group of Alliance, Labour and independent peers moved an amendment abolishing the prosecution's right to stand-by jurors.

It resulted in **Lord Wigoder** (L) withdrawing the amendment, although he said that peers would reflect on the Earl of Caithness's words. At committee stage the House of Lords had voted to abolish peremptory challenge, the right for the defence to object to a juror without giving a reason.

Lord Wigoder, moving the amendment, said that the Roskill committee had argued that if peremptory challenge were abolished, the prosecution's right to stand-by jurors should equally be removed.

Prosecution and defence should be in exactly the same position.

Lord Havers (C), former Lord Chancellor, said that in nearly 40 years at the Bar he had never known stand-by to be used for improper purposes. Earlier this year, when he was Attorney General, he had drawn up guidelines for Crown counsel on the use of stand-by and there was no reason to believe that they would be disregarded.

Supporting the amendment, **Lord Simon of Glaisdale** (Ind) said that peers had taken away a right of peremptory challenge by the defence, but it would be said that it was manifestly unjust not to abolish the prosecution's right to stand-by.

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (SDP) said that there were cases where the defence knew something about a potential juror that would prejudice the trial. For example, a juror could be a police informer; or a businessman who worked for the intelligence services; or a member of an anti-Semitic or anti-Arab body; or be having a homosexual affair with a top civil servant; or be the mistress of a serving soldier. All these instances had cropped up during official secrets trials that he had been involved in.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, former Lord Chancellor, said that there had been overwhelming evidence that the right to peremptory challenge had been abused while there was no similar evidence over the use of stand-by.

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Lord Caithness: Guidelines are to be revised.

For the Opposition, **Lord Elwyn-Jones**, also a former Lord Chancellor, said that if the outcome of the debate was that peremptory challenge for the defence was abolished, but nevertheless the right of the prosecution to stand-by jurors were retained, there would be a public sense that fairness had gone out of the doors of the House of Lords.

The Earl of Caithness said that a survey by the Crown Prosecution Service disclosed that peremptory challenge was used in 20 per cent of single-defendant trials, in almost one-third of multi-defendant trials and in 45 per cent of multi-defendant trials in inner London. The prosecution's right to stand-by was used in only 4 or 5 per cent of cases.

Lord Wigoder replied that he was pleased that the Government recognized the strength of feeling in the House and had come forward with significant concessions.

"What primarily concerns me is a determination firstly that our criminal trials are not only to be fair but appear to be fair and, second, the determination that we should show that the House of Lords is capable of being fair in holding a proper balance between the prosecution and the defence."

● Later **Lord Paget of Northampton** (Lab) moved an amendment, later rejected, to allow swords to be carried for self-defence. He cited the recent case where a man was charged after he used his sword-stick to ward off a mugger.

The Earl of Caithness said that the amendment would undermine the purpose of the Government's new clause to restrict the carrying of knives. It would weaken the law and make it possible for the first time for a person to carry a weapon in self-defence. That would please the hooligans and muggers who might escape prosecution and conviction.

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Welsh rail bridge disaster

Train did not brake before plunge into river, says witness

A passenger train being used to test a flooded track in Wales travelled on to a clearly collapsed bridge without slowing down, an inquiry was told yesterday.

The two-car diesel locomotive plunged into the swollen river Towy near Llandeilo, Dyfed, with the loss of four lives on October 19 this year.

Mr Carwyn Davies, a local farmer, told the Department of Transport inquiry in Swansea that he saw the train "shoot off" the Glanrhyd Bridge in the early morning mist as he tried to wade through waist-deep water on his land to reach a telephone.

He said the bridge was "clearly down", and although the train was carrying special British Rail staff because of the flooding, it neither stopped before the bridge nor slowed down.

Survivors told how flood waters swirled around the track as the train ploughed through the countryside, and one said rail staff offered little assistance after the crash.

Mrs Ann Angus, an American writer aged 65, said there was so much water on the tracks that she was "astonished and flabbergasted" that the 0527 Swansea to Shrewsbury train was allowed to continue.

Minutes before the crash, she spoke to two fellow passengers, Mr Ben Evans and his wife, Pat, of Ammanford, Dyfed, about their fears for the train.

"It was not a lake — it was a raging torrent. We were terrified", she told the inquiry.

She said the train had reached speeds of up to 60mph in parts, but had slowed to about 25mph when it reached the bridge, which had collapsed into a V-shape.

> ❝ It was not a lake, it was a raging torrent. We were terrified. I heard a bang and water began rising up in the carriage ❞

"I heard a bang and brown, muddy water began rising up in the carriage. I hit something and went completely under the water even though I was still standing up. I half-walked and half-swam to the back of the carriage,' she said. "The guard passed me twice, but did not offer any instructions about getting out."

Mrs Angus said she made her way out of the carriage through loose seats and debris swirling in the water. At the time, she believed the other front coach passengers and the driver had also escaped behind her.

But the bodies of Simon Penny, aged 14, a Llandovery College pupil, the elderly Evanses and John Churchill, aged 58, the train driver, from Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, were recovered the next day.

Mr Ken Bailey, another passenger who escaped, described how the train plunged into the swollen river and water rushed in at chest level. "There was a terrific crash and I was thrown forward in the first carriage", he said. "There was a blue flash and sparks flew as the lights went out."

Mr George Anderson, the train guard, said he tried to rescue the Evanses. As he stood in the second coach and tried to pull Mrs Evans out, couplings gave way and the first car was washed away.

"Another two minutes and they could all have got out", Mr Anderson said. He praised the bravery of Simon Penny and the driver.

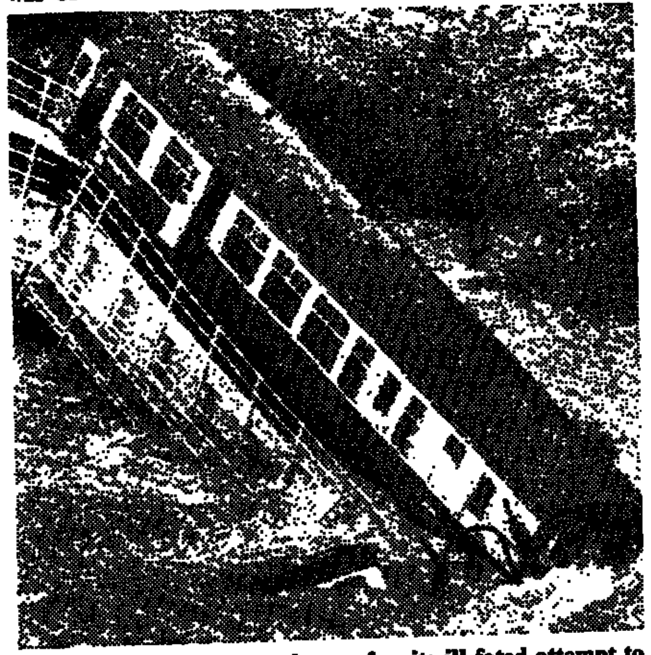
"John Churchill and that young boy deserve medals. They could have got out, but they stopped to help the elderly couple", he said.

Mr Robert Poynter, British Rail's regional operations manager, said a manager and track inspector were on the train because flooded roads prevented staff from completing examination of the line.

It was decided to use the first train of the day to carry out an inspection of the tracks.

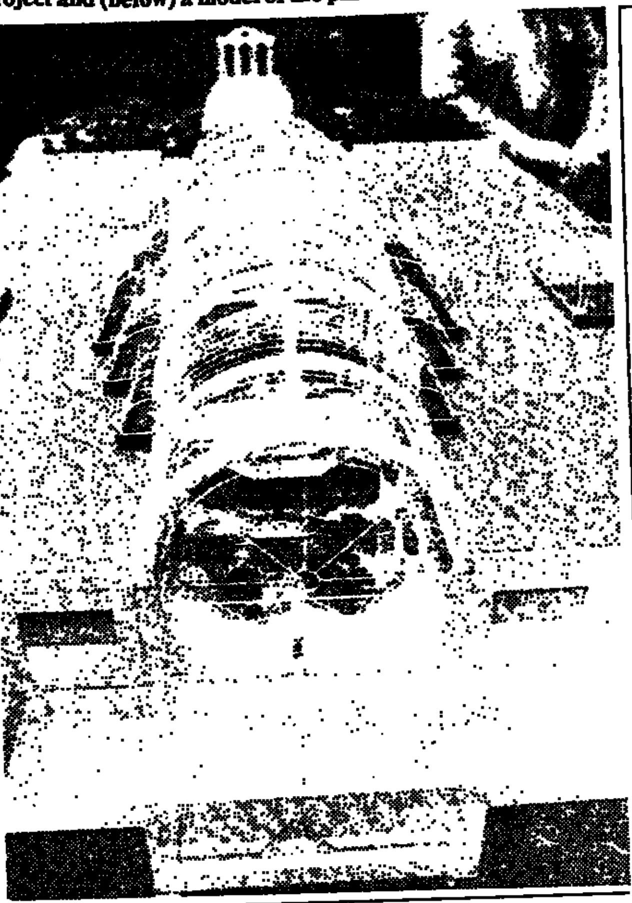
He said the Central Wales line was reported flooded at three places the previous night, but none of those was close to the bridge.

The inquiry continues today.


The 0527 train to Shrewsbury, after its ill-fated attempt to cross the flooded river Towy

£150m 'country house' shops complex

The site of the proposed Westside Park leisure and shopping project and (below) a model of the planned shopping mall (Photographs: Barry Greenwood).



By Ian Smith

Plans for a £150 million shopping and leisure centre in fields surrounding a decaying Greater Manchester suburb will be unveiled today, on the eve of a public inquiry into whether the scheme should receive planning permission.

Westside Park, modelled on a country house with tree-lined drives and landscaped gardens, is planned on 300 acres adjoining the Shell Chemical works between Carrington and Partington.

The project, launched by Shell UK in partnership with the Prudential Assurance Company, would provide 5,000 new jobs in an area where the chemical plant workforce has been cut from 3,250 to 500 in the past decade.

The scheme is similar to a shopping centre development three miles west of Heathrow Airport, which was announced earlier this week.

Tomorrow an inspector will begin hearing evidence about the proposed Westside Park project.

It is one of nine developments in Greater Manchester upon which Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is expected to rule within 10 months.

Opponents believe all nine schemes are unsuited to a heavily populated industrial area and will add to existing problems of traffic congestion.

The Westside Park project would have 1.25 million sq ft of floor space. The plans include a swimming pool, all-weather sports pitches, a golf driving range, bowls, tennis and squash courts, a multi-screen cinema complex, picnic sites, a demonstration farm, butterfly sanctuary and a children's village.

Mr Michael Mallinson, Prudential's chief surveyor and property director, said the development underlined the company's confidence in the Manchester region and the North-west.

● Mr Robert Hicks, Conservative MP for South East Cornwall, called last night for the suspension of all Sunday trading prosecutions pending a ruling by the European Court of Justice, which could take up to two years, on whether the Shops Act, 1950, contravenes the Treaty of Rome.

Bomb case witness refused

Appeal judges yesterday refused to allow an unexpected witness to be called to give allegedly "highly relevant" evidence in the Birmingham bombs case on behalf of the six jailed Irishmen.

Lord Gifford, QC, for the six, who are appealing against 21 murder convictions, asked for leave to call a taxi driver who made a statement claiming that there may have been "collusion" between police and Birmingham's Winson Green prison.

After reading the statement, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, sitting with Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Stephen Brown, said that they concluded the evidence was "not credible".

Lord Gifford said the statement was made by a former Birmingham taxi driver, now living in Ireland, to Irish police on November 4. The driver was involved in rescue operations after the public house bombings in 1974.

The six appellants are William Power, aged 42, of Cranwell Grove; Patrick Hill, aged 42, of Kilburn Road, Kingstanding; John Walker, aged 52, of Enderby Road, Kingstanding; Robert Hunter, aged 41, of Riley Way, Kingstanding; Richard McIlkenny, aged 53, of Epsom Grove, Kingstanding; and Hugh Callaghan, aged 57, of Stanwell Grove, Erdington; all Birmingham.

TV ban urged to cut teenage drinking

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs
Correspondent

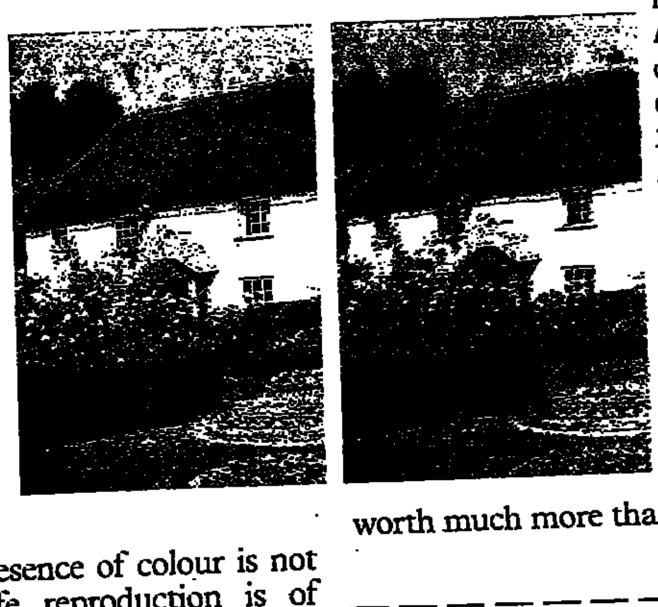
Television and cinema advertisements for alcohol should be banned and all alcoholic drink containers should carry a health warning, according to a Home Office working group investigating teenage drinking.

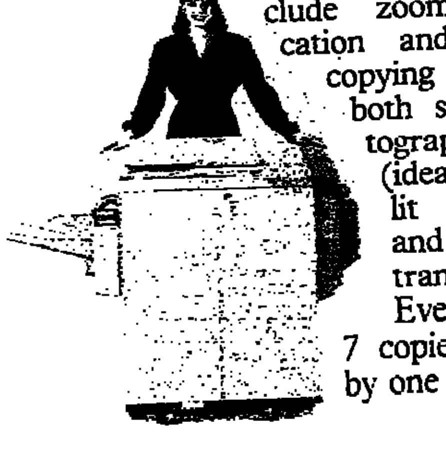
Lady Masham, chairman, who presented the group's report yesterday to the Home Office standing conference on crime prevention in London, said there was a need for legislation to balance the increased opening hours.

"There is increasing violence as a result of alcohol. The law is too vague and too grey", she said.

The report said that the law on under-age drinking was being widely flouted. Although it was not possible to prove a causal link between the consumption of alcohol and crime in general, there was a strong association between intoxication and certain crimes of violence and disorder. Young people were especially implicated in those types of crime.

Alcohol abuse killed 10 times more young people than illicit drug abuse. The Government should make its health education priorities meet more closely the scale of the alcohol abuse problem.





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Survey of long-term jobless

Young people still believe they will find employment

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Unemployed young women feel more angry, cheated and isolated than young men over their inability to find a job, according to a survey of the social effects of long-term unemployment among the young.

A report of the survey by the independent Policy Studies Institute says both young men and women tend to vent their anger on individuals rather than society.

Parents provide financial support but that means their children remain dependent for longer, placing considerable strains on the family.

In spite of the anger, frustration and feeling of isolation, researchers found that young unemployed people show a remarkable resilience and optimism for the future and many believe they will get a job.

"Many look forward with hope. For them life cannot really get any worse, it can only improve", the authors say.

Until now, research on youth unemployment has concentrated on jobs and training but three research studies in different parts of the country and published in one document by the institute, give an insight into the wider consequences of unemployment for the young.

Miss Susan McRae, one of the researchers, said there was widespread acceptance among men and women that "you only get what you earn". As a result, there was little apparent rancour about inadequate financial resources.

Part of her research investigated the question raised by the fact that 40 per cent of young women questioned said that unemployment left them both angry and isolated, although they did not engage in social protest.

She found in general that men and women did not have views about their unemployment threatening the social order. "If anything", Miss McRae says, "they are quite conservative in their views and generally accept the dominant mores of British society".

She continues: "Feelings of anger among these unemployed young men and women, when acknowledged to exist, are most often directed at objects of psychologically manageable proportions: other people in particular. Anger against the State for not providing jobs, based on a perceived right to work, is either missing or seen to be a waste of time.

"Rather than unemployment creating a pool of hostile young people desirous of overthrowing society, what it seems to be creating is an ever-larger pool of unhappy young people waiting their turn to join society."

Miss McRae says that potential employers who failed to reply to job applications and people working in benefit offices were often the butt of the unemployed person's anger and frustration.

Two researchers from Swansea University found many cases of stress and conflict within the families of young unemployed people. Money was the main problem.

The third study dealt with young couples thinking of setting up house together.

Young people in irregular employment were less likely to form stable relationships and, if they did, went into different types of housing than young people with secure jobs.

Young people in long-term unemployment became increasingly dependent on parents.

"The ideal of a normal transition from school to work and from dependence to independence is, for these young people, breaking down and they are becoming increasingly dependent on both the State and the family".

Dr Michael White, who coordinated the projects for the institute, said: "I would not want the research findings to appear that we were talking about the lost generation with no hope at all. In fact, we found that young people today are continuing the struggle into adulthood and learning how to manage in very tough conditions.

"It is encouraging to find that despite all the difficulties, young people assume they will get work. It would have been far more worrying if we had found that they were opting out.

"Because of this attitude, I think there is still time for something to be done".

The Social World of the Young Unemployed (Policy Studies Institute, 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR; £4.95).

A new chapter begins at 72

A late learner, Mrs Violet Howard, aged 72, photographed with Mr Douglas Randall, who taught her to read and write five years ago, put her new skills to good use.

Mrs Howard, a Grimsby fisherman's daughter, wrote an autobiography, *A Shattered Mirror*, published this week by Bradford Literacy Group to coincide with the West Yorkshire city's education week. Mr Randall is a tutor with the group. "Violet must be one of the most successful people to have been involved in Bradford Literacy Group", Mr Richard Knight, director of Bradford education services, said.

"She had the courage to ask for help, and revealed a great wealth of natural skills just waiting to get out. There must be thousands of other people with similar potential."

Policeman is jailed for soccer assault

A policeman who kicked an officer in the head during a police "friendly" football match was jailed for six months yesterday at Southwark Crown Court, south London.

Police Constable Malcolm Nutt kicked Police Constable Gary Barnett so hard in the head during the match between the police teams that he had the first epileptic fit of his life.

As Constable Barnett lay on the ground he was kicked in the stomach by one officer and then Nutt ran up and kicked him in the head.

Constable Barnett was said to suffer still from headaches as a result of the attack during the match between Tooting and Wandsworth police stations on November 13 last year.

Nutt was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm and jailed for 18 months with 12 months suspended and his Wandsworth team mate Police Constable Paul O'Sullivan was given a suspended sentence and ordered to pay £500 costs for common assault.

Jailing Nutt, Judge Laurie said: "You came within an ace of an awful and awesome tragedy on the pitch. This was not sport."

'Financial torture' of restaurant bills

By Robin Young

Eating out has become "an uncomfortable form of financial torture", according to the 1988 edition of the *Good Food Guide*, published today.

Leading restaurants have applied huge price rises and dinners at £50 a head, without any real extravagances, are no longer unusual, Mr Drew Smith, the editor, writes in the guide's foreward.

Inflation in London restaurants on the international circuit is rampant, Mr Smith claims, citing price increases in the past year of 21 per cent at the Japanese restaurant, Suntory; 20 per cent at the Savoy; and 30 per cent at Claridge's, the Berkeley and the May Fair hotels.

"In some establishments the increase is even higher", Mr Smith says. "Even ethnic restaurants are not exempt. Peking Chinese restaurants now serve such ludicrously small portions that they make the early days of *nouvelle cuisine* seem generous."

This year's most disturbing development, Mr Smith says, has been an increasingly irresponsible attitude to customers' money.

Unitemized bills, which make it impossible to see how much was charged for each item and to check the arithmetic, are on the increase.

Mr Smith says he intends to campaign for service to be included in all restaurant prices, as in France.

Three restaurants qualify for the highest rating the guide has yet awarded: 18 out of 20. They are: Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons at Great Milton, Oxfordshire, and Le Gavroche and Tante Claire in London.

The Good Food Guide 1988 (Consumers' Association and Hodder & Stoughton; £10.95).

Lawyers draw more complaints

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs
Correspondent

The number of complaints about solicitors' shoddy work will increase as the public becomes more aware of the powers the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau has to deal with them, Miss Jean Horsham, chairman of the lay-dominated investigations committee which examines the way complaints are handled, said yesterday.

Of the 20,000 complaints or inquiries made in a year, about 600 allege shoddy work by solicitors.

Miss Horsham said few complaints "reveal villainy" but are about inefficiency, such as failing to answer letters or failing to communicate properly.

Mr Peter Thompson, the bureau's director, added that there were plans to regionalize it so that people could have complaints dealt with locally, perhaps over the telephone if they were minor.

● A ballot of all barristers has endorsed the Bar's recommendation to allow barristers greater advertising freedom, in line with solicitors. Of 1,563 votes cast, 1,030 favoured more advertising.

Solicitor fined for contempt

A country solicitor and his managing clerk were each fined £2,000 yesterday after a High Court judge found them guilty of "flagrant" contempt of court by issuing "threats which bore all the marks of blackmail" during their handling of a legal dispute.

Mr Justice Kenneth Jones also ordered the solicitor, Mr Michael Lovesay, of Seaford, East Sussex, and his managing clerk, Mr Alfred George Randall, of Bishopstone, near Seaford, to pay the cost of the contempt proceedings brought by Mr Raymond Hamilton.

The court had been told that Mr Lovesay and Mr Randall were representing Mrs Ann Joyce Hamilton, Mr Hamilton's former wife, in a dispute involving a company of which they were formerly co-directors.

Both Mr Lovesay and Mr Randall had denied contempt.

The judge said that the clerk wrote to Mr Hamilton's solicitors threatening to disclose allegations of fraud and dishonesty, involving Mr Hamilton, to the police unless he paid his former wife £130,000 and dropped his claims in the pending court action.

The judge said the solicitor must take responsibility for his clerk's actions.

Call for fresh look at education Bill

The British Council of Churches urged the Government yesterday to delay its educational legislation and to reconsider its proposals for reform.

A resolution passed at the council's autumn assembly in London emphasized that educational reform should "restore and enhance the concept of educational provision as a genuine partnership between central and local government, parents and teachers".

The resolution, passed with only one dissenting vote and one abstention, began by welcoming the Government's expressed intention of raising educational standards overall and involving parents more thoroughly in the process.

Then came the criticism. The council was concerned about the proposed approach to the curriculum and its assessment, and about the reduction of the role of local authorities and the increased powers to be given to secretaries of state.

It urged the Government to avoid "proposals which will be divisive in community life" and to ensure that education was seen "not as a privilege determined by a variety of choices but as the right of every child".

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, warned the assembly, however, against being too dismissive of the Government's proposals.

Wholehearted support for the Government's initiative came from Prebendary John Pearce, whose present parish is in Chelsea but who worked for more than 20 years in the east end of London.

"Let the poor control their own lives, and let the children of the disadvantaged at last have the opportunity to reach their full potential", he said.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Britons arrested in kidnap case

Malaga (AFP) — Spanish police say they have arrested four Britons and a Czechoslovak in connection with the kidnapping of an Englishman from his house on the Costa del Sol. Mr William Last, aged 55, from Woodbridge, was abducted on November 8 in Benalmadena by a group who allegedly tortured him and forced him to sign a cheque for 40 million pesetas (£200,000).

The Britons held were identified as Mr James Oakde, aged 45, Mr Timothy Garrad, aged 27, Mr Denis Manning, aged 26 and Mandy Robinson, aged 26. They were arrested last week at the resorts of Marbella and Fuengirola after Mr Last had been released by his captors.

● **MADRID:** A house in the country near the Spanish capital was probably where the kidnappers of Melodie Nakachian, the five-year-old daughter of Princess Kimera, the South Korean singer, and Mr Raymond Nakachian, a Lebanese businessman, held their final meeting before leaving for the Costa del Sol to put their plan into action, police sources said here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

Britain's TV prizes

New York — Britain's *Alas Smith and Jones, The Sword of Islam, Porterhouse Blue,* and *The Belle of Amherst* won four out of the five Emmy awards for foreign television productions from the American Academy of *Television Arts and Sciences* (Charles Bremner writes).

The only Emmy not taken by Britain was in the children's category, which went to a controversial Canadian show, *Degrassi Junior High.* The programme deals so explicitly with sexual issues that one episode was banned by the BBC. Mr Jeremy Isaacs, who joined Channel 4 as chief executive in 1981 after a long career as a programme-maker and executive with the BBC and ITV was given a "special directorate" award.

Surinam election

Paramaribo (Reuter) — Surinam, still under military rule, votes today in a general election its leaders have vowed to hold in spite of the threat from a guerrilla insurgency. Six political parties are fielding candidates for a 51-member National Assembly. However, the new government of this South American nation will be open to considerable influence from the armed forces and from Lieutenant-Colonel Desi Bouterse, the military leader.

The election — the first for more than a decade — is viewed as a test of Colonel Bouterse's promise to restore democratic rule, interrupted when he led a group of non-commissioned officers to power in a 1980 barracks revolt.

Missionaries can stay

Nairobi — Nine foreign missionaries ordered to leave Kenya by tonight have been told they can stay (Alastair Matheson writes). No official explanation was given for the Government's last-minute cancellation of the deportations.

The group — eight Americans and one Canadian — said they were very happy with the decision, but called the allegations against them "crazy". They had been given a week to leave after newspapers alleged a plot, supposedly backed by the Ku Klux Klan, to destabilize Kenya and other African governments unfriendly towards South Africa.

Lesotho poll plea

Maseru (AP) — Three politicians from different banned parties have appealed to the Lesotho High Court to restore the Constitution, which remains suspended despite a 1986 coup by a military council.

The military council, headed by Major-General Justin Lekhanya, seized power in a bloodless coup in January 1986, overthrowing the Government of the Prime Minister, Chief Leabua Jonathan and restoring the executive and legislative power of King Moshoeshoe II. But it has failed to restore democracy.

Tactical candidate

Seoul — Another prominent opposition figure has entered for South Korea's presidential election on December 16, apparently in the hope of forcing the deeply divided opposition to field just one candidate (Gavin Bell writes).

The new contender, Mr Paek Ki Wan, is vice-chairman of the powerful United Minjung (mass) Movement for Democracy and Unification. He hopes to put pressure on the main opposition candidates, Mr Kim Young Sam and Mr Kim Dae Jung, to bury their differences and for one of them to withdraw.

Cash offer to virgins

New York (AP) — Mr John Napoleon LaCorte (left) a Brooklyn millionaire, is offering $1,000 (£560) to teenage girls to retain their virginity until the age of 19. Mr LaCorte, aged 78, wants to curb premarital sex and said yesterday: "You wouldn't believe the response." The girls must agree to a medical test when they reach 19. The offer has also attracted the criticism of some groups which have dismissed it as "misguided."

Zimbabwe court hearing

Woman convicted of spying on ANC

From Jan Raath, Harare

A young white South African fine-arts graduate faces a lengthy jail sentence after her defiant courtroom testimony yesterday affirming her spying activities here against the African National Congress.

Miss Odile Eone Harrington, aged 27, stood with her arms folded in the dock of the High Court in Harare and with conviction belying her fresh-faced prettiness, told the Judge President, Mr Wilson Sandura, that she regarded the ANC as "evil". She had carried out her spying mission because she considered it "my duty to my Government".

According to undisputed evidence in the first two days of her trial, Miss Harrington, the daughter of a Johannesburg doctor and a prominent South African artist, was recruited by South African security police and entered Zimbabwe as a refugee in October last year.

After two months in a refugee transit camp, she was sent to an ANC house in Harare where she lived with an ANC official.

She was caught in January after trying to persuade the policeman guarding her house — a protection provided after four previous South African attacks on the ANC here — to post a letter to South Africa for her. The envelope contained a photograph of an ANC official, names and addresses of others, diagrams showing where they slept and their vehicle numbers.

The court heard that she suffered "gross mistreatment" at the hands of Zimbabwe's Central Intelligence Organization and had to be treated in the clinic at the Chikurubi Central Prison.

Her defence counsel chose as her only defence the supposition that South Africa, which is Zimbabwe's main trading partner, could not be classed as an enemy of Zimbabwe and that she was therefore guilty of no offence. The Judge President rejected this defence yesterday. Under Zimbabwe's laws, she faces a maximum term of 14 years in jail.

In a separate series of incidents, the authorities are detaining, under state of emergency laws, another six people, including a British citizen and a Canadian. Zimbabwe customs officers allegedly found modern espionage equipment in the car of one of the detainees, Mr Ivor Harding, aged 55, as he was returning from a trip to South Africa.

In the wake of Mr Harding's arrest have followed those of his Zimbabwean son, Clive, aged 25, Mrs Patricia Brown, aged 53, a British subject, Mr Jack Lewis-Walker, aged 54, a British-born Zimbabwean civil servant, and two colleagues of Mr Harding, Mr Dick Laban, aged 50, a Canadian, and Mr Jeffrey Mee, aged 44, an Irish-born Zimbabwean citizen.

Investigators hunt for US Nazis in open UN war files

From Charles Bremner, New York

Investigators from the Justice Department have started combing thousands of newly opened UN files on war crimes, hoping they will find evidence to prosecute former Nazis now living in the United States.

The six investigators from the department's war crimes unit were the first to be allowed in when the records were released on Monday.

The names of more than 36,000 suspected criminals are contained in the microfilmed files, which Nazi-hunters hope will provide new leads in their pursuit of ageing Nazis.

"Every minute delayed allows these people to escape justice and lead wonderful lives into old age," said Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, which led the fight for the archives to be opened. "It is important that we get as many as we can before they die."

The 40-year-old files of the UN War Crimes Commission, to which access has long been severely restricted, are expected to detail Nazi and Japanese crimes, including the mass murders of Jews.

One New York newspaper said yesterday it had obtained access to a file detailing alleged atrocities against Greek Jews by Herr Alois Brunner, an aide to Adolf Eichmann, who is now living in Syria.

UN officials said they were concerned about the dangers of revelations of "unsubstantiated information and hearsay evidence" about suspected collaborators.

Mr Irv Rubin, chairman of the Jewish Defence League, yesterday pledged retribution for any former Nazis traced through the files. "Any found here will find us making their lives totally miserable — one hell of a migraine," he said.

The Justice Department has intensified efforts to trace and deport suspected war criminals. Five hundred cases are being prosecuted and three men were returned to Germany and the Soviet Union in the past year on evidence produced by the department.

The opening of the archives "is a major development", said Mr Neal Sher, the department spokesman. "Until now the office had to ask by name for any individual file it wanted. We are very hopeful that what we will find will aid in actual prosecutions and identify new cases in the United States."

The Wiesenthal Centre estimates that 10,000 Nazis and collaborators entered the US.

Access to the records became an issue after the disclosure last year that President Waldheim of Austria, then the UN Secretary-General, was named in a closed file that contained allegations about his activities while serving as a German officer in Greece.

● **UN debt cash:** The United States has promised to pay at least $90 million (£50 million) of its $359 million debts to the United Nations to help it stave off financial collapse.

Washington halted its annual contribution to show its displeasure over the UN's budget management.

Anguish at Cuban riot jail

A distraught relative of one of the Cuban prisoners demonstrating in Atlanta penitentiary, Georgia, against repatriation trying to rush the prison gates after a body was taken out. More than 2,000 desperate Cubans held in Atlanta and Oakdale prison, Louisiana, continued to keep security forces at bay yesterday and refused to release their 100 or so hostages in response to an offer that could raise their chances of staying in the United States (Charles Bremner reports from New York). Police have refused to confirm reports that up to seven people died in the Atlanta riot on Monday. Only one death was confirmed.

Best-selling American author pays damages to murderer

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

In a case that has had a chilling effect among America's non-fiction writers, Joe McGinniss, the best-selling author, has agreed to pay a convicted murderer, Jeffrey Macdonald, $325,000 (£181,000) to settle a $15 million nuisance damage suit.

The story of Macdonald, who was convicted of the brutal murder of his pregnant wife and two young daughters, was told by Mr McGinniss in the book *Fatal Vision,* which was later turned into a successful TV mini-series.

Macdonald, who is in prison for life for the murders, did not sue Mr McGinniss for libel but for fraud. He claimed Mr McGinniss had pretended to write a book sympathetic to him to gain his co-operation. He also claimed Mr McGinniss owed him royalties he was supposed to be paid for his co-operation.

A three-month trial in Los Angeles ended in a mistrial in August when the jurors were deadlocked.

In Monday's settlement Mr McGinniss agreed to pay the money to the former army Green Beret doctor without admitting liability. The case has aroused widespread attention in the publishing industry because it sought to hold an author liable for breaching an implied contract to write a favourable book about his subject.

"I think the fact that the case even got to trial initially has an extremely chilling effect upon any non-fiction writer," Mr McGinniss's lawyer, Mr John Sturgeon, said after the settlement. "Once you have to defend yourself in a lengthy trial, they have punished you, win, lose or draw...The writer is at the mercy of someone who has a lawyer that is willing to take on his case and has nothing else to do.

"Mr McGinniss is an author and a teacher and he can't really do either if he has to spend another three months in trial. We believe the book stands as a monument to good, thorough, accurate investigative reporting."

Mr McGinniss, author of *The Selling of the President, Heroes* and *Going to Extremes,* said he had hoped to write a book exonerating Macdonald but grew convinced, as the four years of research progressed, that his one-time friend had committed the murders.

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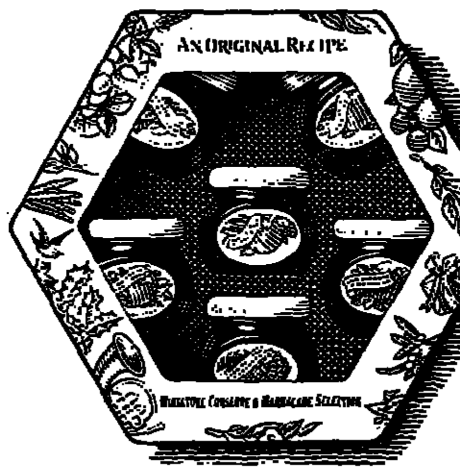
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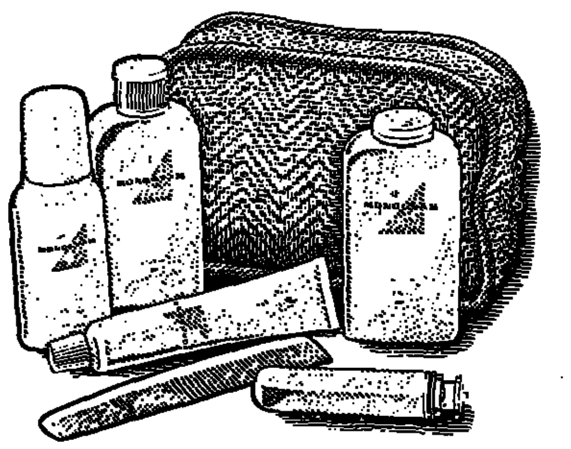
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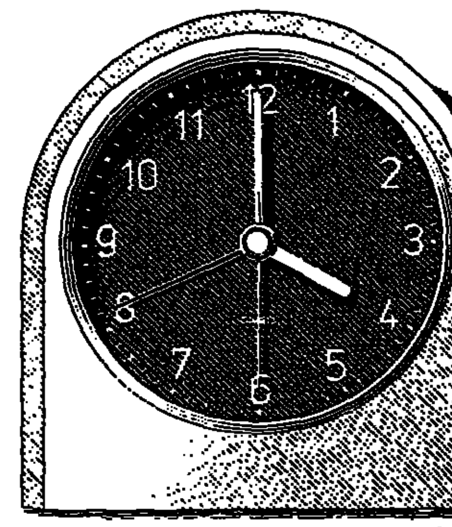
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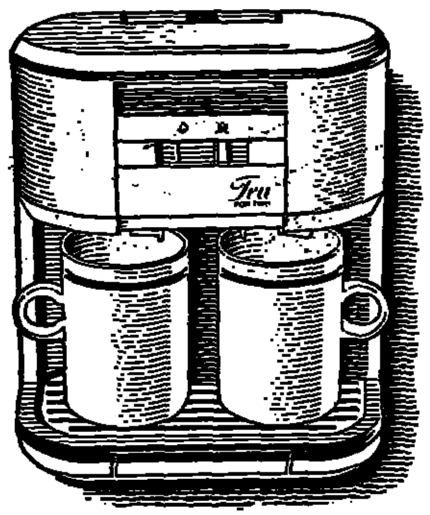
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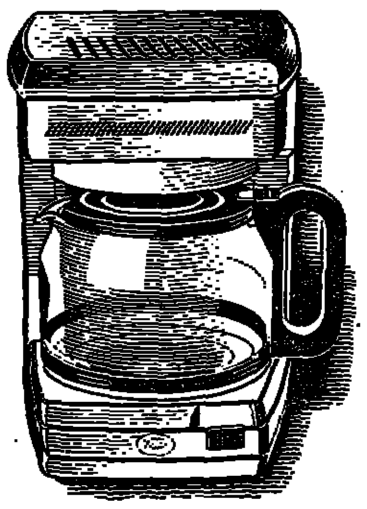
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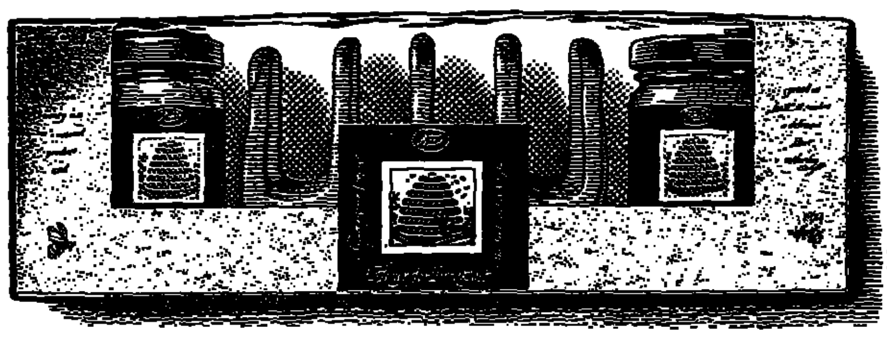
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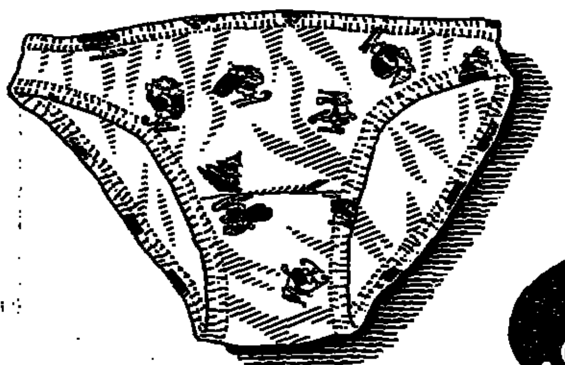
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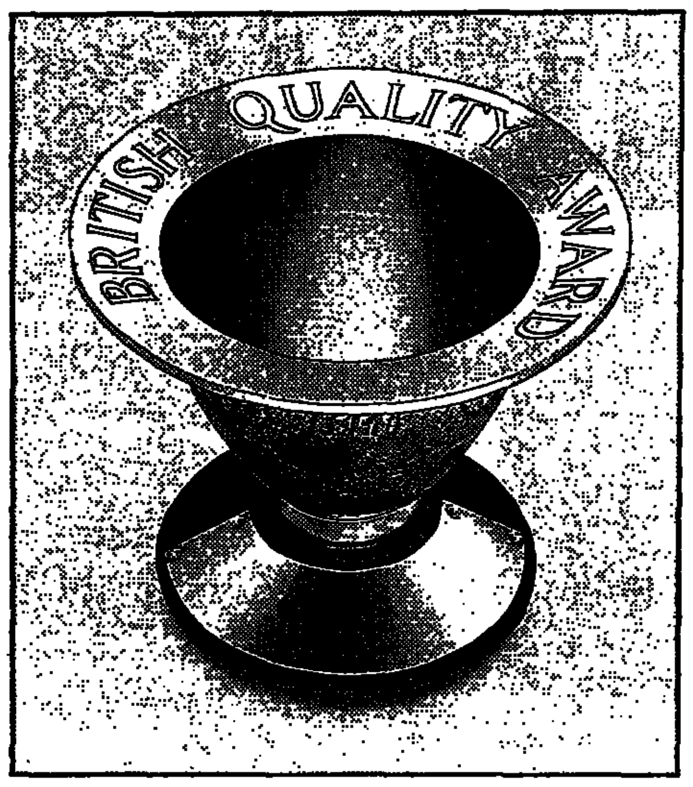

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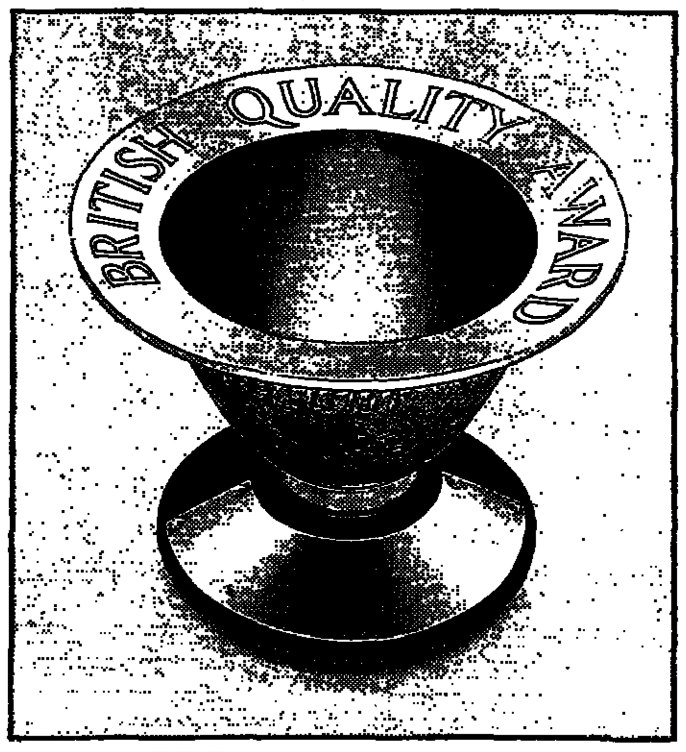

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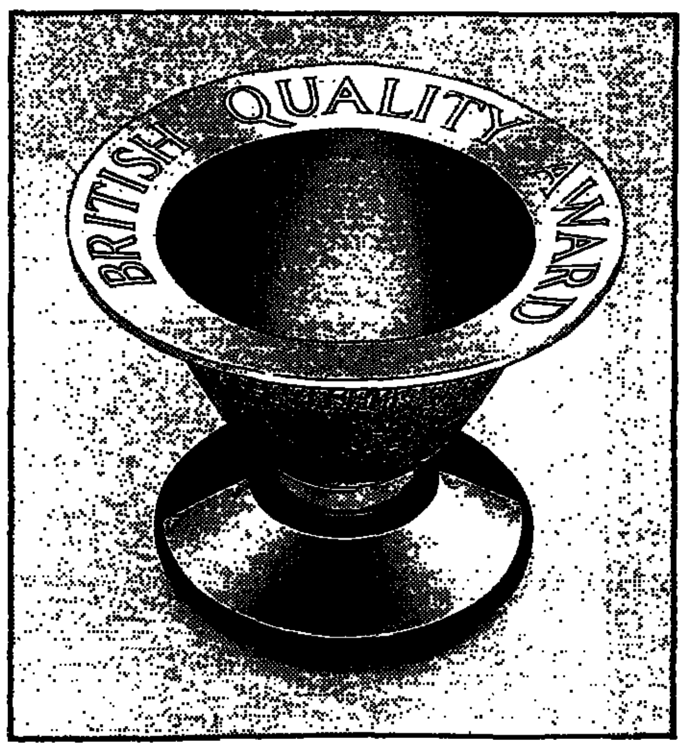

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'Spirit of Geneva' shines through US-Soviet relations

From Christopher Walker
Geneva

"Let's go to Geneva and talk," remarks the sour-looking Manhattan husband to his equally unhappy spouse, in the fading 1985 *New Yorker* cartoon taking pride of place in the US press centre — a reminder that it is two years to the day since President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov first broke the ice with their "fireside" summit here.

It is a mark of the fundamental improvement in superpower relations which has taken place since those first historic conversations that both the US and Soviet delegations meeting here in frantic last-minute preparations for the third summit have both evoked the optimistic "spirit" of that opening meeting.

In the meantime, the ties — which have got immeasurably better at lower level because of the frequency of contact between officials negotiating arms control, regional conflicts and the other main summit topics — have survived such potentially damaging blows as the Daniloff affair and the spy and bugging scandal surrounding the still unfinished new US embassy in Moscow.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, referred this week to that first Geneva summit as being pivotal to the improvements in the superpower relationship which have followed, and which have all but erased from the diplomatic slate memories of Mr Reagan's references to the Soviet Union as "the evil empire".

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, a very different figure from his dour predecessor, Mr Andrei Gromyko ("Mr Nyet"), whom Mr Shultz met in January 1985 to open negotiations on the continuing nuclear and space talks, also chose to refer back warmly to the dialogue which began here, close to the spot which once provided the home for the League of Nations.

"I think that this Geneva spirit is alive and is beginning to materialize," he said.

Much of the private exchanges between the two ministers over the past 48 hours has been geared to agreeing exactly what form the Washington summit will take.

"It will by necessity be quite a different animal from the previous two because it will be held on national soil," a Western official explained. "Gorbachov will want to ensure he does not offend his public at home with the way his visit is portrayed."

Mr Gorbachov's decision to grant the US NBC network a formidable scoop by offering them an unscripted 60-minute presummit interview follows recent precedent in which the Kremlin leader (whose list of interview requests is numbered in thousands) gave interviews to French and Indian television on the eve of his visits to Paris and Delhi. But it is the first time he has agreed to such a Western interview on the eve of a summit, indicating a change in negotiating tactics.

"Essentially, this meeting in Washington is going to be all about communications. You have the original 'great communicator' in Reagan against the new world champion, Gorbachov, and they are going to slug it out," a Geneva-based diplomat said.

As this week's emergency session in Geneva has demonstrated, covering superpower get-togethers is a frustrating trade consisting — until the keenly-awaited final press conferences — in nit-picking of an almost asinine quality. Mr Charles Redman, Mr Shultz's balding and shy-looking spokesman, has had to bear the brunt of most of that. A typical exchange goes along the following lines: "Chuck, can you characterize the substantive issues?" Answer: "I am not at liberty to go into those," followed by a groan from the 500 assembled newsmen blinking in the TV lights.

As the 1986 Reykjavik summit showed, both sides — but most notably the Soviet Union — are prepared to leak early, selected information about the negotiations if they believe it will help their cause or image. It has been significant this week that the Western TV crews pacing frustratedly about the elegant lakeside vistas have found greater co-operation from officials at the large Soviet mission than at the nearby American one.

"The Soviet side won the public relations battle at the Geneva summit in 1985 and again in Iceland in 1986. With the help of Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, there are early signs that they may win it again in Washington in 1987, but that will be much more difficult," commented a European veteran of the two previous summits.

Senior diplomats here are convinced that the acid test of the Washington summit will not be the razzmatazz surrounding it, but the solid progress the two principals can make towards a pact cutting their long-range weapon stocks by half.

The hard life in Hanoi

One job is not enough for the Vietnamese to survive

From David Watts, Hanoi

When a Western embassy sought permission to take over a villa next to its chancery recently the Vietnamese authorities found that it was home to 140 people.

In Da Nang a local government official admitted privately that he and his wife shared a single room with his mother and two children. The shared kitchen was 50 yards away, making rainy-day cooking a chancy business.

Appalling living conditions and the daily struggle for survival are the reality for most Vietnamese in what is now one of the four poorest countries in the world, according to the United Nations. Most Vietnamese families must juggle several jobs and perhaps a family business to make enough money to feed everyone and keep up with an inflation rate estimated by the International Monetary Fund at 800 per cent last year.

In Hanoi, where 80 per cent of the population either work for the Government directly or are dependent on government salaries of between 3,000 and 5,000 dong a month, the central state department store offers a pair of child's blue trousers for 1,640 dong and a shirt for 170. A soldier's hat costs 250 and a TV set 50,000.

Mrs Lan Nyugen Thi, who has worked 15 years in the store, sells soap and other necessary but precious items — soap is such a valuable currency that women often trade it for food. The resulting shortages mean high rates of uterine cancer and other infections.

She makes about 4,500 dong a month and her husband another 6,000 as a major in the army, but to support their two children she keeps pigs and chickens in the yard behind their flat. That brings in another 15,000 dong a quarter.

The Government is trying to withdraw state subsidized food essentials from families like that of Mrs Thi and make them self-sufficient. When they were first withdrawn prices rocketed and there was such an uproar that the Government had to restore some of them.

Hanoi's streets are an almost constant mass of bicycles bearing people out to barter, trade or finesse enough food for the day's meals. There are more light motorcycles than there were three years ago but the air is among the cleanest of any city in Asia, marred only by ill-maintained old Soviet and Chinese trucks.

Despite their poverty the Vietnamese have lost none of their pride. In almost two weeks in the capital there was no begging and most people were neatly dressed. In Ho Chi Minh City only a young mother and a young boy begged for money.

Trendy young things in jeans and flowered sunhats are still rare in Hanoi compared to Ho Chi Minh City but the accent is on younger people and ideas in the city bureaucracy. Half the People's Committee has been replaced by younger members, a trend which is being taken up throughout the country. In Quangnam-Da Nang the new province chief is a mere 43, and the provincial security chief has not yet reached 40.

These are but the most conspicuous successes in a war on an overmanned party and bureaucracy, in which the most striking sacrifices must be made, and privileges forfeited by those in power at the state and provincial levels. Many diplomats in Hanoi remain to be convinced that inertia of entrenched power can be overcome.

One of the new faces in Hanoi is Mr Nguyen Mai, the German-educated deputy-chairman of the People's Committee, formerly Rector of Hanoi University. He and the committee are trying to pare down the city budget by taking no new workers into the bureaucracy and trying to cut back present manning by up to 30 per cent.

The city is, meanwhile, coming to the assistance of professionals like teachers and doctors whose heavy work schedules eliminate them from the petty trade that supplements so many Hanoi incomes. At present a surgeon usually earns less than a streetside bicycle repairman.

Despite foreign reservations the new house-cleaning will be hard to reverse despite the inevitable reaction from the conservative sections of the party.

This bicycle repairman, attending to customers in his streetside business, earns as much as a surgeon, whose work keeps him too busy to hunt for a second job like most other Vietnamese

Exiles cool on glasnost craze

From Charles Bremner
New York

Down in "Little Odessa," New York's Russian ghetto, they are not too impressed by America's new love affair with their motherland. "It's, how they say, ice-cream of the month," says Mrs Galina Lypovsky, a recent immigrant munching hot *ponchiki* in the street as an Arctic wind howls off the Atlantic on to Brighton Beach Avenue.

"It's a provocation, and America is getting taken in. They're so naive, the Americans," says Mr Semyon Feinstein, a greengrocer. "Look how excited they're getting about this summit. But nothing changes over there. It's the same old song," he says, voicing what seems to be the prevailing view of Mr Gorbachov in Brighton Beach, a seafront section of Brooklyn whose Cyrillic shop fronts could come from pre-1917 Russia.

Of the 200,000 Soviet Jews who have come to the United States since the mid-1970s about half have settled in New York and a majority of those are in Brighton Beach.

Apart from the right-wing Republicans who have refused to let Mr Gorbachov address Congress, it is hard these days to find such an anti-Soviet line outside the Jewish or émigré community, as the United States gears up to receive its first Soviet leader for 14 years.

The Kremlin chief is arriving in two weeks on a tide of curiosity and goodwill generated by a flood of glossy television, magazine and newspaper features that seem to focus on reassuring Americans that the Russians are just like them.

To feed their new fascination, American newspapers have been lavishing coverage on an ever-growing number of Soviet "delegations" travelling around the country and making the most of the new thaw. The Russians have even entered the right social circles. *The Washington Post* gave its first blow-by-blow coverage of a Soviet Embassy dinner party last week.

Yesterday, in a preview of the White House state dinner of the decade, *The Washington Post* asked: "Will Gorbachov wear a black tie?"

Hollywood has gambled that the thaw is going to last at least another year. Half a dozen film companies are hard at work on joint Soviet productions.

The fierce fight for an interview with Mr Gorbachov has ended with victory for NBC and Mr Tom Brokaw, its star anchorman.

One of the questions exercizing many is what should Mr and Mrs Gorbachov — who have never been to the country before — be shown to make them understand America?

According to Mrs Gorbachov a number of families have already sent her the keys to their homes, although they will not be venturing outside Washington.

"Please bring the Soviet leader to our small farm in Ohio," says one typical letter to the editor of a national newspaper. But one group not swayed by the honeymoon is the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews, which is calling for a mass demonstration in Washington before the summit with full-page newspaper advertisements that say: "If you stay put on December 6th so might thousands of Soviet Jews."

17 killed in Alaska air crash

Homer, Alaska (Reuter) — At least 17 people were killed when a commuter plane crashed here yesterday about 200 yards short of the airport runway.

A Beechcraft 1900 of Ryan Air Services with 21 people on board was on a flight from Kodiak to Anchorage.

Peace appeal

Abu Dhabi (AP) — The United Arab Emirates told Mr David Mellor, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, that Britain and the EEC should help to implement a UN plan for ending the Iraq-Iran war.

Official abuse

Peking (AFP) — Shen Qing Ying, a Communist Party secretary in Sichuan, has been given a one-year suspended jail sentence for detaining 43 people and forcing them to perform manual labour.

Press curbs

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — The Malaysian Parliament is expected to approve further press curbs that will prevent courts challenging the banning of newspapers.

Plane escape

Goose Bay, Newfoundland (Reuter) — A pilot bound for Goodwood, England, escaped with a broken ankle after his plane crashed in freezing rain.

Raid suspect

Tokyo (AFP) — Police issued an arrest warrant for a third French suspect, M Nordine Tifra, in the £1.3 million raid on a bank armoured van.

Police accused

Khartoum (AFP) — Four policemen are to face murder charges after the deaths of three children during an anti-government demonstration.

Quake repeat

Los Angeles (AFP) — An earthquake hit Southern California for the second time in 24 hours, causing severe damage and at least three injuries.

EEC farm crisis

Thatcher showdown is looming

From Richard Owen
Brussels

The prospect of a damaging showdown between Mrs Thatcher and other EEC leaders over farm spending and the British budget rebate moved significantly closer yesterday.

With EEC farm ministers still at odds despite hours of weary debate — including all-night talks — Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, warned there was "very little time left" to agree on farm policy reforms before next week's EEC summit in Copenhagen.

Sir Geoffrey criticised Denmark, currently in the EEC chair, for going too far in weakening proposed mechanisms for automatic limits to farm output, known as "stabilizers". He was supported by Mr Hans van den Broek, the Dutch Foreign Minister, but French and West German officials said the stabilizers were not nearly watered down enough to suit either Paris or Bonn, which want farmers' livelihoods protected.

Mr Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister and EEC President, admitted that three crucial elements in the financial reform package looked unlikely to be settled until the last moment. These were: whether to increase EEC resources by partly shifting from VAT to GNP (gross national product) as the basis of revenues; how to increase social and regional funds for the southern states; and whether to reassess the British budget rebate.

Sir Geoffrey dismissed a suggestion by Mr Jacques Delors, the European Commission President, that since Britain was more prosperous in 1987 than in 1984, when the rebate system was agreed at the Fontainebleau summit, it could afford to contribute more to EEC coffers.

A British statement by Sir Geoffrey and Mr John MacGregor, the Agriculture Minister, identified five areas of concern: cereals, where Britain wants sweeping price cuts when output rises above strict limits, with a 10 per cent cut in year-three of the deal; oilseeds (such as rape), with similar price cuts; viticulture, where Britain opposes a move to abandon the 1984 restriction on replanting vines; sheep, with "equitable stabilizers" for all EEC states and not just Britain; and products for which no stabilizers at all are planned, such as olive oil and cotton.

● **JERUSALEM:** Israeli cut flowers and fruits like avocados and mangos may be unavailable in EEC countries this Christmas because of continuing disagreement about how to market produce from the Occupied Territories in the Community (Ian Murray writes).

At the moment Israel sells around £25 million worth of produce to the Community annually, of which £600,000 worth is grown in the territories.

Bangladesh acts to curb the bombers

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

In an attempt to curb continuing politically inspired violence in Bangladesh, the Government yesterday announced the setting up of special tribunals to speed up the trial of people accused of planting bombs, arson and damaging public property.

The current spate of political violence has claimed seven lives according to official figures. The Government had earlier decided to impose the death penalty as maximum punishment for making, possessing, or planting bombs.

President Ershad, facing strong opposition to his six-year rule, said he would not allow Bangladesh to slip into anarchy and terrorism. He accused communists and left-wing political groups of destabilizing the country.

More violent anti-government demonstrations broke out yesterday in Dhaka. A half-day general strike was punctuated by explosions and street battles.

On Monday, a local leader of the ruling Jatiya Party was stabbed to death in Pabna during clashes.

● **72-hour strike:** Bangladeshi opposition groups yesterday announced another 72-hour nationwide strike to increase pressure on President Ershad to resign (AFP reports).

The decision to call the strike, beginning on Saturday, came hours after a four-day strike ended. Unofficially as many as 25 deaths, 1,445 injuries and 2,373 arrests have been reported.

Newspapers yesterday reported that a journalist working for the BBC had been arrested at his home early on Monday. Mr Ataus Samad was detained under the Special Powers Act of 1974, which allows for detention without trial for one month.

EEC membership is Ozal's priority

From Michael Dynes, Ankara

In a rare public appearance, the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, confirmed recent speculation yesterday that admission into the European Community and a rapprochement with Greece would be his top foreign policy priorities if his Motherland Party is returned to power in Sunday's general election.

Speaking to foreign reporters in the presidential palace, the ebullient 61-year-old Prime Minister also expressed complete confidence in his ability to secure a second five-year term of office.

Dismissing claims that the Motherland Party has been losing ground to the opposition centre-left Social Democratic Populist Party, led by Mr Erdal Inonu, and the centre-right True Path Party, led by Mr Suleyman Demirel, Mr Ozal said that there was no possibility of a coalition government being returned in Turkey.

"I believe Turkey will never elect a coalition government after the chaos of the 1970s. I will have a majority on Sunday. A new election system is designed for a two-party system, and the election will decide who is to be the opposition," he said.

The Prime Minister also brushed aside, as an election tactic of the opposition, concerns about his health. But Mr Ozal, who underwent heart bypass surgery in the US last February, was forced to cancel most of his campaign engagements earlier this month after he developed a haemorrhage in his left eye.

Acknowledging that Turkey remains a relatively unknown country in western Europe, Mr Ozal said that by the year 2000 Turkey will be "the Japan of west Asia", implying that if the EEC failed to open its doors to Turkey, Europe would be the loser.

Confirming that President Kenan Evren will visit the self-proclaimed "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" early next year, a move likely to provoke fury in Athens, Mr Ozal said that Turks and Greeks, who have been neighbours for centuries, have no alternative but to improve bilateral relations.

Rejecting accusations that Turkey's burgeoning inflation rate — which is projected to exceed 45 per cent this year — is widely expected to provoke a substantial increase in social tensions, Mr Ozal was adamant that his programme of economic liberalization was the only way forward.

Manila and Haiti get dictators' hidden plunder

From Alan Tomlinson
Miami

One of the most desirable properties on Long Island, New York, the 10-acre Lindenmere estate, has been put on the market by its new owners, the Philippines Government.

The rambling country house, sporting jacuzzis with gold taps in most of the bathrooms, was where "Imelda hung out with her friends at weekends", according to a lawyer who helped to recover it through the New York courts from Mrs Imelda Marcos's husband, former President Marcos.

In a separate but related lawsuit, a priceless collection of Haitian primitive art, which once graced the Smithsonian Institution, may also be in the process of changing hands. A court in Washington recently ruled itself competent to determine the collection's rightful ownership which is disputed between the Haitian Government and a close associate of the deposed President Jean-Claude Duvalier.

These obscure and unpublicized cases are examples of the quiet, meticulous way in which both the Philippines and Haitian governments are going about the task of retrieving some of the vast wealth the two dictators took with them when they escaped after being overthrown early last year.

Each country has adopted a similarly conservative and businesslike approach to the task and is achieving unprecedented success where other nations, allegedly robbed by past rulers, have failed.

In the 1960s, Iraq attempted to recover real estate bought in New York by the deposed King Faisal, but the courts ruled that confiscation decrees issued in Iraq could not meet American standards of due process. Iran went after the Shah's fortune through the same courts.

"We have the opportunity to construct the Marcos case with these two precedents in mind," said Mr Peter Weiss, a lawyer at New York's Centre for Constitutional Rights. "We were very careful to chart a course through the various legal and constitutional requirements."

As a result the Aquino Government has recovered real estate worth tens of millions of dollars.

The Haitians learnt the same lessons. "We have not cast the cases in political terms," Mr Curt Mechling, a lawyer, said. "We have not brought wide-ranging omnibus lawsuits, nor have we sought to put the entire Duvalier regime on trial. We have only gone after assets we have been able to tie to embezzled Haitian funds."

For 19 months lawyers followed the money trail cheque by cheque, by telex transfer or bank credit, compiling 9,000 exhibits and 17 volumes of sworn affidavits. It has led to suits in the US and France involving more than $120 million (£70 million), which Mr Mechling believes may be only "the tip of a very big iceberg".

The bulk of the iceberg is believed to be submerged in numbered accounts in Switzerland. But by using previously untried laws and treaties waiving bank secrecy in cases involving friendly countries and suspicion of crime, the Swiss Government acted swiftly to freeze accounts connected to Mr Duvalier and Mr Marcos pending court decisions.

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Reform bolstered in China as Zhao's man gets key post

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Mr Li Peng, a 59-year-old technocrat, was named yesterday as the acting Chinese Prime Minister to replace Mr Zhao Ziyang, who resigned from the powerful post to become the leader of the Chinese Communist Party.

Mr Li, who was appointed by the standing committee of the National People's Congress, has been one of China's five vice-premiers since 1983. His promotion virtually ensures that he will be named China's fourth Prime Minister, after Mr Chou En-lai, Mr Hua Guofeng and Mr Zhao, at a meeting of the full congress next March.

Western diplomats said yesterday that the appointment of Mr Li to the second most powerful post in China behind Mr Zhao should bolster China's reform programme. Mr Li shares Mr Zhao's keen interest in absorbing Western management skills and technology and both are proponents of collective leadership, which has been advocated for years by Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader. Mr Zhao was formally named Party General Secretary at the party congress earlier this month. His appointment allowed him to resign from the post of Prime Minister, which he has held since 1980.

Mr Li, the adopted son of the late Mr Chou, has been a top contender for the post of Prime Minister since January when Mr Zhao became acting party chief. Mr Zhao's predecessor in that post, Mr Hu Yaobang, was sacked after pro-democracy student demonstrations swept China.

Western observers have labelled Mr Li a conservative because he was trained as an electrical engineer in Moscow in the 1950s, where he became acquainted with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader. Mr Li recently called that label "a misunderstanding" and in public has always supported the reform championed by Mr Zhao and Mr Zhao's mentor, Mr Deng Xiaoping.

Mr Zhao: a fellow reformer follows in his footsteps.

Mr Li currently oversees the state economic commission, China's nuclear power programme, environmental protection and the leading state group on science and technology.

Mr Li is not expected to change China's foreign policy of gradually improving relations with the Soviet Union while relying on Western technology for its modernization drive. As head of government, Mr Li will be responsible for running the economy, as well as public security and education affairs.

Born in Chengdu, Sichuan province, in 1928, Mr Li was raised by Mr Chou and his wife, Deng Yingchao, after his father was killed by Nationalist forces. He joined the Communist Party at the age of 17, studied in Moscow from 1948 to 1954, and became a renowned engineer in the 1950s and 1960s.

Mr Li entered the Party Central Committee in 1978, became Minister of Power Industry in 1979.

Mr Li Peng, putting on the Western style at a recent function, was named yesterday as the acting Chinese Prime Minister, making him the country's second most powerful leader.

US arrest suspect in El Salvador church-killer hunt

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A cashiered El Salvadorean Army captain was in police custody in Miami yesterday as a key suspect in the 1980 assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, an outspoken critic of right-wing death squads that killed thousands of people.

He was seized as the result of detailed new evidence about the murder, which has provided the first breakthrough in El Salvador's most important human rights case.

Señor Roberto D'Aubuisson, the best-known of El Salvador's right-wing leaders, has also been directly implicated in the killing, but as a deputy in the National Assembly he has immunity from prosecution. For years he was closely identified with the death squads.

The US Marshal Service announced that Señor Alvaro Rafael Saravia-Merino was arrested late on Monday after being tricked into stepping outside his Miami home by police who said they wanted to discuss a traffic accident. The El Salvadorean Government will seek his extradition.

Three other El Salvadorean nationals believed to be in the US are also being hunted.

The death of Archbishop Romero, from a single rifle bullet as he said Mass in a hospital chapel, horrified the world and focused attention on the right-wing death squads.

The new evidence was released at a press conference by President Duarte. Asked if Señor D'Aubuisson was the "intellectual author" of the archbishop's murder, he said: "That is a conclusion you could draw."

The new evidence was supplied by a man who said he drove the assassin to the church where Archbishop Romero was killed. It comes at an acutely sensitive time in El Salvador because of the return of two left-wing leaders, Señor Guillermo Ungo and Señor Rubén Zamora.

Their lives will clearly be in danger in a country where political violence is the norm. There have been signs that right-wing death-squad activity may be starting again after being halted by pressure from the Reagan Administration.

Señor Amado Antonio Garay, aged 37, said he drove the getaway car. He lives outside El Salvador and is in protective custody.

He has said that some time after the murder, by an unknown bearded man, he had driven Señor Saravia to Señor D'Aubuisson's house, where he heard Señor Saravia say: "We did what we had planned – we killed Romero."

Day of protest

Italy faces strike chaos as unions reassert authority

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Antonio is a gravedigger but for the past week, in the busiest cemetery in Rome, he has buried only four bodies. His union is not formally on strike but the diggers want more overtime and the result is a go-slow *all' italiana*. When it rains, he shelters; when it's windy he goes to buy cigarettes; and when the sun shines he visits the local bar for a coffee and a chat. The coffins wait their turn.

He is only one of hundreds of thousands of Italian workers who have been protesting long before today's scheduled general strike. The "New Italy" built on sophisticated private enterprise, gifted designers and marketers and, since 1984, a quiescent workforce, is under threat.

The banned Polish trade union, Solidarity, often talks of "Italian strikes", especially now with 200 per cent price rises looming in Warsaw. What they mean is small acts of obstruction that can cripple a factory; the Italians rightfully claim mastery of this art. Every summer at the beginning of the holiday season lifeguards appear on the beach fully clothed; they want more money, they have turned up at their place of work on time (and therefore cannot be fined), but the point is clear.

The West German or British bather who is drowning not waving will have to take his chances. The airline ground crew who refuse to sign documents allotting parking space to an aircraft can and do cripple Italian airports.

This fine sense of what is possible within the rules, a guerrilla awareness of when and where to hit the employer has tended to replace the brute force bargaining of the trade union federations. Since they lost the battle in 1984 against government plans to scrap the Scala Mobile (the escalater that carried wages up in line with prices every year), the big unions have been rather cowed. Divided by politics – the CGIL is aligned with the Communist, the CISL connected with the Christian Democrats and a smaller UIL with the Socialists and Republicans – the public sector unions have tried to present a common front. They have the theoretical right to strike for political reasons but they do not eagerly do so. Italy, top of the European strike league between 1970 and 1977, has slid down the scale. Union power has been sapped by high unemployment.

Instead grassroots strike committees (known as COBAS), frustrated by the cautious attitude of union leaders, have taken up the fight. Alitalia, the state airline, is effectively being wrecked by it's COBAS which is scrubbing more than 60 flights a day. They have just declared a week of truce but no-one believes it will hold. The city of Turin was closed down earlier this week by strikes organized by the transport workers' COBAS. Trains will be paralyzed long after the end of today general strike because of industrial action by wildcat railway workers. Independent union committees – though not strictly speaking COBAS – are threatening a strike in the diplomatic service.

The general strike today is technically to protest against the 1988 budget and it's proposed cuts in social welfare spending. But it is also a way for the trade union leaders to reassert their control over the wildcat strikers. In some senses the Government is the victim of it's own propaganda. Having announced that it's economy is growing faster than that of Britain, workers are now demanding a slice of the bigger cake.

The recovery of the past three years has raised expectations, perhaps unrealistically. One problem is the curbing of pensions: an important contributory factor to the huge budget deficit. Another issue is that of neglected investment in transport, health and education. As Italy has modernized and streamlined, it has done so largely at the expense of investment in public services. To press home the point, today's general strike will see a close-down of hospitals, fire services, schools, trains and buses. The diplomats' strike, meanwhile, planned for November 30, is about maintaining standards of professionalism: the authorities want to speed the promotion of clerical officers into senior posts, the diplomatic association is against. And the strapped finances of town halls mean that essential overtime has been cut in the dirty trades such as graveyard digging and rubbish collection.

Rubbish has been spilling onto the streets of Rome for almost two weeks; pest control men warn that large numbers of rats are eating the rotting food and multiplying furiously. They, like this correspondent, will not be withdrawing their labour today.

Lod massacre suspect arrested by Japanese

From Our Own Correspondent, Tokyo

A leader of the Japanese Red Army, wanted in connection with the massacre of 28 people at Lod airport in Israel in 1972, has been arrested.

Mr Osamu Maruoka is also thought to have been involved in the 1973 hijacking of a Japan Air Lines aircraft to Benghazi, where it was subsequently blown up, and the hijacking of another JAL airliner to Dhaka in 1977.

Police had originally arrested him on Saturday, but they then released him when they failed to identify him as the wanted man.

Mr Maruoka, who was re-arrested yesterday, has lost a lot of hair and was travelling on a forged passport in the name of a man from Okinawa.

Police surmise that his presence in Japan may indicate that the Red Army is planning a domestic operation after the handing down of a death sentence to another Red Army member in March in connection with a series of bombings in Japan almost a decade ago.

The authorities also believe that Mr Maruoka may be the second-in-command of the Red Army, whose operations are now centred in Lebanon, where they assist the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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‘Have children died here? You had better ask the administration that’

As the parents of baby David Barber suffer a setback in their legal struggle, **Brian James** visits a children's hospital in crisis

If today is like most other days, surgeon Babulal Sethia will walk at 8.15am into an office off the Intensive Care Unit of Birmingham Children's Hospital, hoping to find there only the two doctors who run it. If today is like most other days, there will be other surgeons like himself also waiting — and a quiet and intense negotiation, on which a child's life may depend, will begin.

It is at such meetings that surgeons and specialists compete for the few vacant beds. The two ICU doctors know that all the specialists will have an overwhelming case for the best care medical science can offer; and they know that all but one will have to be refused.

No, says Sethia, a consultant paediatric cardiac surgeon, that does not mean some doctors having to play God. What it does mean is making choices no man should have to face. Five times, as the world now knows, Sethia has gone into such meetings with the name of six-week-old David Barber on his operating list and lost the argument because "this baby looks as though it can go another day".

Birmingham Children's Hospital is a place lent gaiety by the posters and paintings of its patients and the cuddly toys donated by grateful parents. This week it is lit by the quiet anger of men like Babulal Sethia, who are trying to meet the most urgent needs of a sixth of the population of Britain with an inadequate resource of six ICU beds reduced to four by a shortage of trained nurses.

When we began to talk he spoke in a controlled voice, quoting facts, rejecting the neat phrase that would make a stark tabloid headline. But some situations do not lend themselves to neutral language.

For example: on November 17, the administration ordered all surgeons not to admit children if there was a "high likelihood" that they would require ICU nursing.

Did that mean that this key hospital, serving all major cities of the West Midlands, was able to take only the less sick children and that the dangerously ill must be sent away? "Precisely that. Effectively, this hospital — capable of surgery of international stature — is closed down."

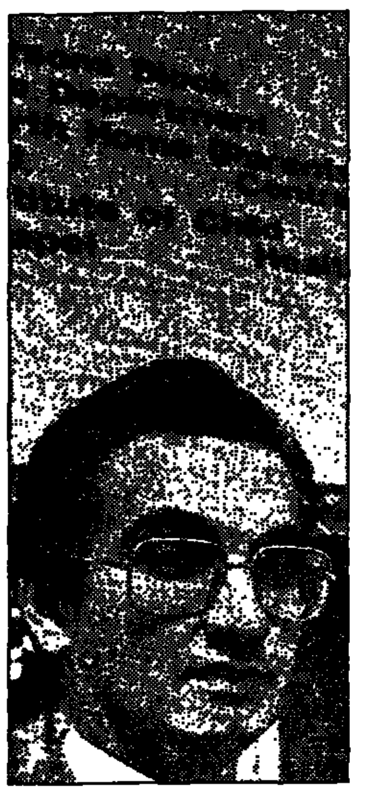
Have children died as a result of that edict? "That is a question you had best address to the administration. Ask especially about two cases over the weekend. I know what the answer should be."

The claim that the hospital was effectively shut was refuted by Jean Rigby, its former nursing director and now its general manager. "This hospital is not closed to the really sick," she responded. "Last weekend parents ran in here crying with a desperately sick child. Of course it was admitted. That baby's life was saved. But yes, as a result another operation had to be postponed."

Could sick children have died as a result of the ICU crisis? "We would expect that surgeons and specialists would have arranged for such cases to be admitted elsewhere."

Sethia had continued: "I try to be responsible, professional about this. But the term 'scandalous' is apt. How else would you describe a situation in which, unless a baby collapses in a critical condition on the doorstep, it will not be admitted? Or a situation where I and my colleagues every day tell parents of a very sick child 'I will operate tomorrow' while adding under our breath: 'Provided there is not a child anywhere in the West Midlands who is even sicker'?"

Sethia joined this hospital in August, after serving in Great Ormond Street and in major paediatric centres in North America. "I came for the challenge; the calibre of work here could rival the best in the world. I knew there were problems, but not of this scale or duration."



‘Effectively, a hospital capable of surgery of an international stature is shut’

The struggle for a baby's life: Babulal Sethia (left) and David Barber, whose heart operation has now been postponed five times, with his mother

Birmingham, one of six supra-regional centres, has an expertise going back 30 years. Each year, Sethia said, 650 new patients were seen, 550 were admitted and between 300 and 400 operations were scheduled. Heart disease in children progresses rapidly, yet the survival rate for those operated on was 95 per cent.

"We are now getting failures. In other words, some children are dying on the waiting list. Some are becoming inoperable as they wait. In some the degree of risk has substantially increased.

"Let me give you more figures," he went on. In the past two months, he said, 34 heart patients were sent home because the unit was full. In the three months from August to October, 37 out of 117 operations were cancelled, often at the last moment. In the first 10 months of 1987, 39 heart by-pass operations on children were postponed after the blood had been cross-matched and presented. The heart unit was funded for 191 by-pass operations this year: it will not reach 125.

" A sudden crisis? Oh no," he said. "These figures almost exactly match those for last year." The situation had been steadily approaching for 15 years and during the whole of that time they had warned of the danger.

I put to him the view of the West Midland Regional Authority spokesman that this was "not a money problem, but a shortage of trained nurses. Like all regions we are fishing in a very small pool of trained staff." That, Sethia said, was a "gross over-simplification which glosses over why the shortage exists . . . which is the chaotic system of ICU training."

Nurses attracted by the challenge of intensive care work, and not deterred by the high degree of stress, cannot achieve senior posts in the discipline without a Registered Sick Children Nursing Certificate — even though the training for the certificate includes not one component of ICU practice.

"The effect of this hidebound edict is that nurses anxious to progress in ICU work are made to go away for a futher year or 15 months to acquire a certificate that is irrelevant. A trained staff nurse will not take this backwards step, and that is why we have a shortage."

A solution has been proposed: that generally-trained nurses join ICU teams to work under close supervision for three months and are then absorbed; if they decide to acquire an RSCNC qualification, they train for it while in the unit.

It is, said Sethia, the failure of the NHS and General Nursing Council to adopt a common-sense solution to the issue, plus the failure to fund the supra-regional centres like Birmingham by direct grant (instead of causing its finances to be filtered through the competing demands of region and division) that has "taken away flexibility and paralysed 25 per cent of this hospital: we have 199 beds and only 146 open".

The Birmingham heart team alone needs eight beds in the intensive care unit. But even if it had them, and the staff, it could not hope to protect them against the needs of the other specialties — cancer, liver and kidney disease, spinal injuries, at least a dozen branches of medicine.

"All Britain knows about David Barber. But his is an everyday story. We are fighting for the right to do our best work. I see no light in the darkness being brought about by inertia. The administrators say they have every sympathy with our claims: but you cannot work in a place like this, seeing the crying need, and speak otherwise. I see no evidence of that sympathy."

Jean Rigby insisted that surgeons like Sethia were at the front edge of what is a national problem. "We should have around 30 ICU nurses here, but six of the places are vacant. My concern is that there is no national planning. Some areas train no ICU nurses at all. Oxford and Brighton are to abandon their very expensive ICU training schemes. The result is that girls get their qualifications knowing the world is their oyster — they can go where they choose.

"In this region we have increased training places from 36 to 48. But who can be sure they will not be poached? In the past two years this hospital has taken on 50 extra nurses, spread over all departments. As a result of our submissions the region has agreed to phase in two extra ICU beds — that is in the next five-year plan, beginning in 1990."

The crisis highlighted by David Barber, Mrs Rigby suggested, has been deepened by advances in medical knowledge and techniques. She felt it said something optimistic about a health service that more and more specialties were competing for the use of its most sophisticated resources.

But it is, surely, saying something profoundly more pessimistic about a society that so arranges its priorities that its health service managers now greet discoveries which will save babies lives as a cause for tight-lipped concern.

TIMETABLE OF A STRUGGLE

October 9: 3.40 pm. David Barber delivered by caesarean operation, *four weeks premature*, at North Staffordshire Maternity Hospital, Newcastle under Lyme. Weight 5lb.

October 10: Heart defect diagnosed, transferred by ambulance with police escort 45 miles to heart unit, Birmingham Children's Hospital.

October 10-November 11: Operations postponed four times.

November 11: Operation postponed fifth time.

November 22: Family decide to take High Court action to force health authority to order the operation to be carried out.

November 23: Family reject offer of free operation at private London hospital after doctors say David might not survive journey.

November 24: High Court application for judicial hearing fails. *Family announce they will appeal.*

Curing chaos

Professor Alan Maynard, Director of the Centre for Health Economics at York University, insists: "Our ideas on management of hospital resources have not moved on since Florence Nightingale. Over 120 years ago Nurse Nightingale said that all hospitals should classify their 'output': patients should be listed as either 'dead', 'relieved' or 'unrelieved'.

"The NHS doesn't even manage that in 1987. All treated patients are marked 'discharged' — no record of whether they lived or died, or were cured. And therefore no possible record by which to establish the true cost-effectiveness of any treatment."

Birmingham is, he alleges, fairly typical of a "pretty chaotic" situation in a health service which has no system of priorities and in which, therefore, critical life-deciding judgements are made on an ad hoc basis.

Ideally, he says, the NHS would work from very precise figures stating which patients should be treated and by what method — "trying to get a balance between the minimum cost and the maximum benefit in health status of the public. Instead, too often all we get is an emotional debate, dominated by the politics and shroud-waving of those most closely involved.

"The underlying cause of this and every other similar crisis is that no one has the least idea of how the NHS should decide its priorities. There will always be harsh decisions to be made. But they could and should be made within a rational framework of knowledge which does not at present exist."

There will be "constant arguments about the numbers of nurses or chiropodists or whatever, but it is irrelevant until we know what they achieve. Nor can it be measured in the simplest terms, such as '95 per cent survived the operation'. Survived for how many years? Survived in what condition? What was the quality of the life saved? Without these questions we have no good measure of outcome.

"I suspect that the NHS is under-funded; which is a better reason for spending more wisely. *But,* more crucially, the NHS is grossly under-managed: it simply does not know the basic sums of its business."

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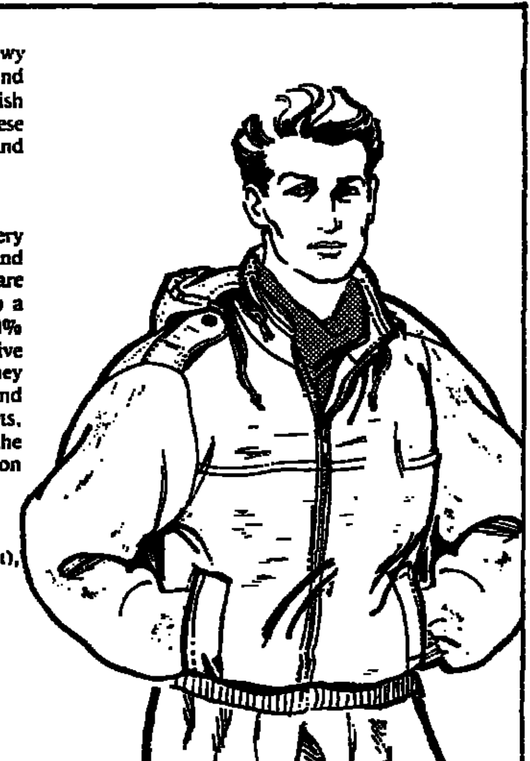

Beach of promise

● Plans to build a string of tourist hotels overlooking an unspoilt Turkish beach have now been banned in at attempt to save one of the Mediterranean's most ancient and most threatened species, the loggerhead turtle

Under the jet black Turkish night the last of the season's loggerhead turtle hatchlings have straddled off Dalyan Beach, past the tireless pickets of Shore Crabs and hyenas, to the sea. The continuing struggle for survival by one of the Mediterranean's most ancient and endangered species is complete for another year.

Dalyan is a productive place. Female loggerheads made close to 500 nests this year, each containing about 100 eggs, in the soft sand of this unblemished strand.

Turkey is regarded by conservationists as the last battle-ground on the Mediterranean coast. It took only about 400,000 foreign visitors this year, compared with one million Britons who went to Corfu in Greece. But as the Turks go to the polls this Sunday, no doubt plans for rapid expansion will loom large in their minds.

The Mediterranean's two marine turtles, the loggerhead and the green, are uniquely vulnerable to such an explosion in tourism. Hunting them is banned, but unless their breeding habitat can also be defended they are doomed.

The European Herpetological Society believes Turkey, with 80 per cent of loggerhead and green turtle sites, is now the only country with sufficient unspoilt coast line to protect them. But many Turkish nesting beaches have already been destroyed and even Dalyan would have fallen under the cement mixers by now without the passionate campaigning of a British expatriate singer, Mrs June Haimoff, who lives close to the beach, where she met a television producer. A short item on Channel 4 News mobilized its defenders. The small British holiday company Turkish Delight, which had already been urging Turkish authorities to avoid a Costa del Sol-style expansion, enlisted the formidable support of David Bellamy.

***Last month an international* team of conservationists, led by Bellamy, were assured by Oguz Berberoglu, the provincial governor, that only a 620-bed German-financed hotel, already under construction at the eastern end of Dalyan, would be completed. "We had not realized the turtles were there," he said. "We shall do whatever needs to be done to protect them." Plans are to be drawn up to set aside more than a mile of beach for the turtles, to guard their nests by night and shield them from hotel lights.**

Bellamy explained: "Turkey is an immensely important place for wildlife. It has the opportunity to learn from the mistakes of other Mediterranean countries as it expands its tourism."

The campaign to save the turtle now switches to Strasbourg, where next month the Council of Europe's important nature conservation forum is expected to adopt further *protective measures.*

Gareth Huw Davies

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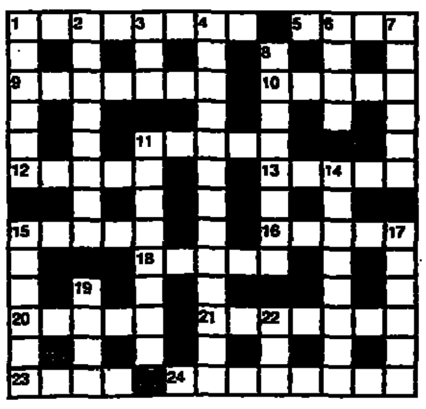

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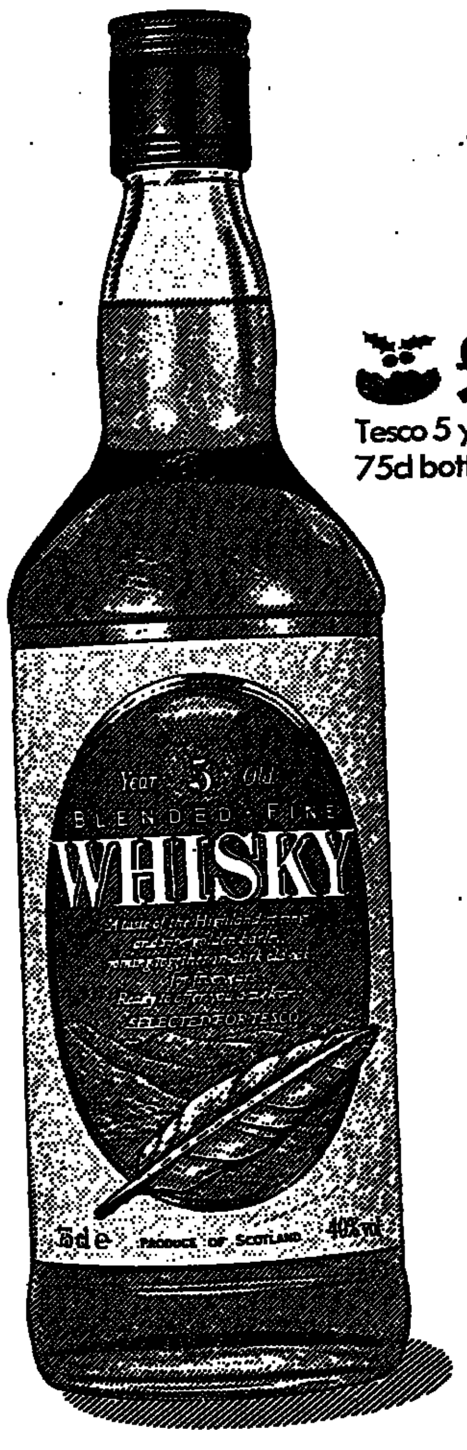

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Interest rates rise

In taking apart Britain's public monopolies, the government may have clogged another state *mechanism. John Fraser*, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, is to ask the Attorney General what is being done about magistrates who hold shares. While a JP would never adjudicate a case involving the burglary of his own home, phone box vandalism may be taken more personally by someone who owns part of it, however minute. The problem is becoming prevalent with the regular applications by British Gas for warrants of entry to read meters and disconnect supplies from defaulters. The Lord Chancellor's office tells me court clerks are aware of the danger and advise magistrates to stand down when a conflict of interest arises. However, with electricity privatization next, some magistrates fear that some days there will not be enough disinterested JPs to go round. Fraser, has reason to worry — the gas board, anxious to read his meter, has threatened to go to court for a warrant to force entry to his home.

Kingston by-pass

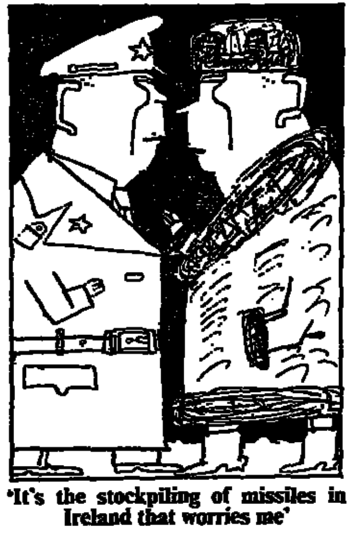
After last week's crucial Conservative council by-election victory in Wandsworth the battle for political hegemony in London is about to switch to Kingston upon Thames. Two weeks ago the Tories snatched overall control of the council from a minority Liberal Alliance administration. The new leadership has already caused a storm by announcing plans to reprieve the 11-plus. Now, however, opposition members — hungry to regain power at a further by-election — are calling for the resignation of a Tory councillor who has moved house to Eastbourne, some 60 miles from his ward. Leonard Meladio, who breaks no rules by staying on, insists that he can fulfil his council duties while residing in God's Departure Lounge. "But how can a Kingston councillor live on the south coast," asks Liberal John Tilley. His colleagues, meantime, nurse the irony that they lost control thanks to the resignation of one of their members — who was moving out of town.

● It is just as well that the plan to approach Sir Alfred Sherman to head the Commission for Racial Equality (PHS November 23) was abandoned. Sir Alfred, who remains *firmly against repatriation*, believes that the CRE should be abolished.

Work patterns

Channel 4's workplace series *Sharp End* tomorrow begins a series on how to land jobs. Will it, I asked its producers, recommend candidates not to apply directly but to contrive a telephone conversation with the employer on another matter, hint heavily and hope for an interview at the employer's home on a Saturday morning? "Applications for chief executives of television companies will not feature in the series," they reply.

BARRY FANTONI



'It's the stockpiling of missiles in Ireland that worries me'

Dental gloss

The Police Federation's monthly magazine has awarded full marks to a somewhat desperate defence counsel in Birmingham Crown Court last month. Stumped to find much in way of mitigation for his client, he produced a note reading: "Mr . . . has been a reliable patient." It was signed by the prisoner's dentist.

● BBC Television's *One O'clock News* was stood up by one of its studio guests yesterday. Minutes before going on air producers were told Belgian MEP Paul Staeys, who was to be interviewed about the North Sea environment conference, would not be able to make it — police had just arrested him outside the Westminster conference centre for his part in a Greenpeace demonstration.

Desert shadow

T.E. Lawrence never wanted to be famous. It is well recorded that the maverick colonel changed his name twice in search of anonymity, but his shyness went further than that. In a letter to his biographer Robert Graves in 1935, Lawrence wrote that he was against a proposal from film-maker Alexander Korda to record his life on celluloid. The letter is now being sold at auction to raise money for the Brompton Oratory: the seller, Sir Alec Guinness, Prince Feisal in David Lean's *Lawrence of Arabia*.

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Unprepared for catastrophe

Sondra Lawrence on the gulf in emergency planning procedures for peacetime disaster

The disasters of 1987 — the Zeebrugge ferry sinking, the hurricane and now the King's Cross fire — focus attention on the fact that local authorities have no statutory duty to prepare for natural or accidental catastrophes. Any peacetime emergency planning is merely a by-product of civil defence.

In 1985/86 the government allocated £77 million to civil defence, of which only a sixth went to local authorities. Civil defence is strictly defined as preparation against wartime attack. No funds are allocated for peacetime disaster preparations and many county emergency officers continue to face the dilemma of how to siphon a little of their minuscule wartime preparation budget for peacetime emergencies.

It is true that the government has issued an *Emergency Planning Guidance to Local Authorities*, but it carries no legal authority. In 1983 the Conservative manifesto promised to introduce legislation "enabling civil defence funds to be used in safeguarding peacetime disasters". To date nothing has been done to implement this.

This lack of centralized emergency planning results in bureaucratic obstacles, confusion of responsibilities and duplication of effort, just at the moment when maximum efficiency is required. Here are a few examples:

After the Zeebrugge disaster injured survivors were brought back to Kent. Some had to be transported across the country, but because ambulance services work within regional divisions, Kent would have had to arrange rebates or changes of transport with their counterparts in other areas of the country. The voluntary Red Cross circumvented the problem by taking the patients.

In some emergencies the county emergency planning officers have called out voluntary ambulances when they felt the local ambulance services could not cope; subsequently, some local authorities have objected to payment of agreed expenses for this help, and it has taken months of persuasion and negotiation to resolve.

It is sometimes unclear within counties who should call out emergency organizations — health emergency planning officers or county emergency officers. There has never been a peacetime emergency exercise which has involved co-operation between counties.

In Bradford the police maintain a computer system for casualty identification and documentation (Crisis). Despite the fact that this is compatible with the Interpol computer system, it is the only such computer in Britain and as yet there is no link-up to permit it to be used across the country. After the Zeebrugge disaster Crisis was transported by the West Yorkshire Police to Dover to assist with identification.

There is no established system for the exchange of information on coping with major accidents from county to county. In one instance a county health authority prepared a lengthy report on its problems during and after a major disaster and requested the DHSS to circulate it. This was not acted upon.

While many local officers struggle to encourage "all hazards" emergency preparedness in their area, they are always conscious that they are exceeding their brief and entering an area where no public funds are available.

The United States, Australia, Sweden and West Germany have all recognized that wartime emergency preparations are inappropriate for peacetime disasters, and each has a national disaster plan.

The focal point for responsibility in any statutory reorganization in this country should be with a minister for emergency planning — sitting at Cabinet level, as is the practice in other countries.

Today and tomorrow Bradford University is holding a disaster information seminar which will bring together some representatives from the professional and voluntary bodies that have been closely involved with major emergencies. John Bettridge, principal of the Civil Defence College, will speak on the definition and problems of disaster.

This college could become the counter-disaster establishment for which so many emergency officers and voluntary bodies are asking. The main issue will be one of bringing together these groups for the future of centralized co-operation, with government legislation and funding behind them.

Let us hope that the outcome of the Bradford seminar will point the way toward an "all hazards" peacetime emergency plan, which will safeguard the needs for all our citizens in the future.

Timothy Raison warns the government that in prosecuting its legislative programme it must not be insensitive to the needs of the not-quite poor

Ragged edge of reform

When the new Parliament began, everyone agreed that social policy was going to dominate at least its first session. What Mrs Thatcher called the flagships of the Tory manifesto are now embarking on their legislative course. The major bills on education and housing have been published, the rates reform bill must be out very soon, and the Secretary of State for Social Services, John Moore, has announced next year's cash benefits. Parliament has just approved the housing benefit regulations and the white paper on family practioner services is imminent.

I doubt if any Tory would argue that we do not need reform. The present rates system has got to be replaced; we must find ways of injecting higher standards into education; we badly need a new stimulus to private rented housing. And of course social security benefits have to be revised every year — while the new system of income-related benefits comes into operation in April 1988.

All in all, it will be a hectic period — but then there is no point in re-electing a Thatcher government and then expecting it to do nothing.

But the question is whether it is setting out to do all the *right* things. On many of the ingredients of the programme there is general support within the Tory party. Most of these social security changes are accepted. Kenneth Baker's scheme for the curriculum seems likely to go through without too much trouble, now it is clear that there is more flexibility in the curriculum than had been feared.

And with Nicholas Ridley's reform of local government finance, the new rate support grant and the unified business rate should not cause undue difficulty, though there will be some business opposition. Of course there will be gainers and losers, but the disappearance of help for those with low resources in the rate support grant will be significantly offset by the transfer of resources from better-placed to worse-placed areas under the new national business rate system.

So far, so good. But there are points where a number of Conservatives are not so happy. To some of us, the hostility to local government seems exaggerated. More immediately, there is concern that we may be being insensitive to the needs of the poor, or rather the not quite poor, many incidentally Tory voters.

Take the cash benefits. I think that a good many Conservatives after their experience of canvassing during the general election would have welcomed a one-off basic pension increase a little above the index-linked figure this year. And there are strongly-expressed doubts about the decision not to uprate child benefit from its present level of £7.25, in line with inflation.

The government's answer is naturally that these are universal benefits which go to everybody, regardless of their needs. Their aim is better targetting. The argument about universality and selectivity has been going on for decades. But with child benefit in particular there are other considerations than simply resource allocation.

One is that by providing child benefit regardless of income the incentive to work is not undermined. Giving benefits only to those in need is always liable to encourage people to remain at that level — in other words, to be dependent. Moreover, having children is a significant cost, which is felt not only by the poorest but also by those who are a bit better off.

It is often argued that the answer is to pay child benefits reasonably generously, but then to tax them, so that the rich receive less. But paying out benefits only to claw them back is not particularly wise. The government itself answered this two years ago when it said in *The Reform of Social Security* that to subject child benefit to a means test or to taxation would "result in an unacceptable degree of 'churning' (where the same people receive money through the benefit system and pay it back through the tax system) and means testing. It would also go against the government's belief that the responsibilities of all families with children should be recognized."

The second area where we may be hitting those slightly above the lowest income levels is the proposed community charge. As with child benefit, the worst-off will be broadly protected; but the essence of the community charge is that it will bring into the local government tax net a large number of people who at present pay little or nothing — and it will, of course, be a flat rate poll tax, with the richest paying no more than the not-quite-poor. It is this latter point — even more than the administrative horrors — that leaves a sense of unease among a good many people who may themselves benefit from the new system.

A third area of concern is housing benefit, and specifically the introduction of a rule that no one with more than £6,000 capital can claim it. Several Tory MPs argued last week in Parliament that this would hit a number of people who had shown thrift by achieving modest savings and lead to some real hardship. There is also anxiety that the new housing bill could lead to insupportably high rents among those just above the housing benefit level.

What all this adds up to is a belief that radical reform has to be matched by generosity of spirit (and political awareness). Certainly new ways of doing things must be tried — municipal socialism has much to answer for. But we have to be absolutely sure that in the process the not quite poor do not get a raw deal.

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Jillian Becker challenges Britain's policy on aid to the leftist regime in Mozambique

Backing the wrong men in Maputo?

The Soviet Union has had an ally in Mozambique since the militant communist organization, Frelimo, came to power in 1975 after the Portuguese revolution. In 1977 President Samora Machel signed a friendship and co-operation treaty with Russia, from whom he purchased $978 million of arms. At present there are some 3,500 Soviet, Cuban and East German military advisers in Mozambique.

Frelimo is being challenged by Renamo, the Mozambique National Resistance, whose leaders, headed by Afonso Dhlakama, want to bring Mozambique into the Western sphere, establish a pluralist democracy and a free-market economy. Yet they have received no Western aid.

Instead, Britain supports the Frelimo government, and now gives more aid to Mozambique than to any other country. Three reasons are given for this level of support:

● *Britain owed a debt of gratitude* to Machel for helping to bring about the Zimbabwe settlement;

● Aid to Mozambique and other states in the area makes them more independent of South Africa, and is a more practical option than sanctions;

● The Frelimo government will be weaned from communism and dependence on the Soviet Union and look Westward.

There is little to justify optimism that the plan will work. It was formed, apparently, after Machel made a favourable impression on Mrs Thatcher during a state visit to London in 1983. Mozambique's economy was declining rapidly, and Machel, a passsionate Marxist-Leninist but also a pragmatist, encouraged the hope he might be swung from the Soviet alliance.

After his death in an air crash in 1986, his successor, Joaquim Chissano, also inspired confidence in Mrs Thatcher. Since then British money has poured into Maputo and British officers have trained Mozambican special forces in Zimbabwe. But the civil war has raged on; starvation has spread; the economy has further weakened; and scarce resources have continued to be spent on Soviet arms.

Maputo still displays Marxist-Leninist slogans. The "re-education camps", in which tens of thousands have perished, still exist. The Roman Catholic Church is still persecuted. In the UN, Mozambique still votes with the Soviet Union against the West.

In short, there is no sign that Frelimo has even begun to change its policies, or intends changing its ideology, its form of government, nor of loosening its close ties with the Soviet Union.

This scepticism might be countered if Chissano were to demonstrate that the British government's faith, hope and charity are not misplaced. Liberalization of the economy is vital to end the famine. Frelimo admits that collectivization was a mistake and that free enterprise is needed to feed the people, and has slightly relaxed state control.

Families are allowed to grow vegetables and raise poultry in their backyards, and even sell their surplus on the market. A few multinationals are back, BP, Shell and Amoco in place to develop the off-shore oil. The state shops have been closed in Maputo, but few others are open, and they offer goods so highly priced that only top party officials, the Russians and visiting Western businessmen can buy anything.

White collar workers in Maputo are given one meal a day as part of their wages: trucks drive up to office blocks with huge pots of stew, and the clerks queue up with their plates. Only the Frelimo elite and foreign businessmen can eat the famous giant prawns, sea harvests being pledged to the Soviet Union for years to come. But even if an enterprise economy were genuinely wanted by the government, it could not function effectively in civil war.

Before all else the war must stop. To this end, Chissano could propose free elections. Such elections, in which Frelimo, Renamo and others could compete for the people's confidence would not only end one-party Communist rule, it would also settle which party represents the will of the majority, and would whatever the outcome grant Renamo sufficient of a victory at the outset to make its armed resistance unnecessary.

No elections, no liberalization, are in sight or promised. As recently as August, a US fact-finding group consisting of the representatives of several "strategy think-tanks", including the *Global Strategy Council*, and five Republican senators, visited Mozambique and asked Chissano whether he would consider holding elections for a multi-party democracy, or permit the extension of private enterprise, or break his links with the Soviet bloc. His reply: "No, never!"

It may be that Chissano wants peace, development, and a return to prosperity for his richly endowed country. But if not, and if all that he and his party want is dictatorial power, then he will take none of the steps which would be a sign of change, nor will he break with the Soviet Union. The testing time is now. British taxpayers need to know whether the heavy investment made on their behalf will pay the political dividends which the British government has led them to expect.

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Crime and two punishments

There is to be a new national organization for crime prevention and Mr Hurd is recommended in a report to call it Crime Concern. To test its worth, he should ask its attitude to the AA school of criminology.

Last week the Automobile Association announced that no one should be "punished twice" — for the same offence, you understand. One couldn't turn on the radio or look at a newspaper during the week without hearing or reading MPs and journalists declaiming the injustice of punishing offenders "twice". The event which sparked it off was Scottish Television's, and later *Today's*, decision to list in a "roll of shame" the names and addresses of motorists convicted of driving with blood alcohol levels over the limit.

There are indeed good reasons to deplore the listing, but the thinking about punishment was quite wrong. The truth is the opposite. Few of the opponents of punishing twice, or in two instalments, explained clearly why it was wrong. Some seemed to assume that most other offenders, rapists say, are punished once by the law and receive no further punishment in the form of social stigma, and therefore it was wrong for the drivers to be singled out.

Others appeared opposed not so much to two punishments as to any punishment by "society". The law was the proper agent of punishment. Society should stay out of it. Quite what they, the Automobile Association, MPs and others have in mind to do to us if we do decide, for example, to avoid the company of, or look down on, or in any other way punish for a second time, released murderers and muggers, let alone drink-drivers, they did not say.

However, it is obvious, had they thought for a moment, that many offenders are indeed punished twice, that social disapproval is the norm. Moreover, though it may come, chronologically, after the legal punishment, it logically precedes it. The law punishes because society disapproves. The state contracts with its citizens to reinforce their dispositions with its sanctions. Thus it is doubtful whether states should, as a rule, punish anyone who would not also be punished by society. Punishment twice should be the rule. A society which tries to maintain its order by means of policemen, judges and warders alone, will soon lose it. They are merely extras, agents drafted in to assist the much more important source of order, society itself.

I imagine the reason for the television listing was to increase viewing figures. But one attempted justification might be to activate secondary social punishment. For 40 years, professional criminologists have been going on about "middle-class crime" and "white-collar crime", especially tax evasion, and what infuriates them is the lack of social disapproval for such offences. Why, they bleat in Oxford accents, can't the man in the street see these are as bad — one suspects worse for most criminologists — as those street offences the urban poor are forced by their poverty to commit. It is such thinking which might, if it were correct, justify the listing.

It isn't. Those listed are not, as they have often been called, drunk drivers. Most are drivers who have hurt no one but been found by the police driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol. The man in the street, it seems, has a rather refined view, which discriminates between those who intentionally kill others, those who kill them by driving when truly drunk, and those who neither intend nor kill or even hurt anyone at all, and are not drunk in any common-sense meaning of the term. Though he may disapprove of the last category, he does not reserve for its members the full disgust invited by the roll of shame. And just as they, and the tax evaders, are unlikely to arouse his wrath, even when shown on television, so there are other offences which the law punishes weakly, which he would punish more strongly.

The fundamental question is who decides about punishment and crime prevention, the laymen-victims-taxpayers, or the experts, the criminologists, the Home Office, the politicians and television producers. For nearly half a century the experts have ignored the moralistic thinking of the man in the street. They have scorned his concern for corporal and capital punishment. They have derided his gut feeling that tax evasion and driving after a couple of pints are not the same as mugging and manslaughter when drunk. They have reluctantly allowed Neighbourhood Watch but only if there is no danger of it becoming what one of the report's authors calls "over-active and vigilantist"; that is, people successfully protecting the homes and the bodies the experts have failed to protect. And for half a century crime has soared.

Crime Concern looks like another body of failed experts — Home Office consultants and representatives of the liberal Nacro, more concerned with the welfare of offenders than victims. It's already set to tell the man in the street what to do, blame him for not fitting enough locks to deter the criminals the experts can't catch and have even encouraged, and no doubt tell him which crimes he should be indignant about. The reverse is what is needed: a commitment to listen to the social codes and sentiments of the law-abiding majority upon which order depends, and to draft laws, punishments, and preventive strategies which seek not to correct and demoralize it, but follow and service it.

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See Everest and choke

I don't know why everyone is laughing at the German who wants to turn the old fortress of Colditz Castle into an hotel. Prisons and hotels have a great deal in common. And, unlike Nepal's Everest View Hotel, the castle will presumably not have to battle for custom against a reputation for killing off the guests.

I had heard all sorts of menacing folk tales about Everest View. One was that it had three taps in every bathroom, two for water and one for oxygen to resuscitate guests passing out because of the altitude. Finding myself in the vicinity, I thought I'd check it out.

I suspected I had made a mistake when I met a party of sherpas and asked them the way there. They gave me the look that Transylvanian peasants must have given to strangers asking the road to Dracula's Castle. "You really want to go?" said one. Having not slept in a bed for a month, I did. They talked among themselves for a bit, presumably wondering whether to warn me of the tales of guests who had left in coffins. "I have good bed for you in valley." No thanks. "OK. If you must. It's that path there."

It was built by a Japanese company on a rocky outcrop to provide tourists with a glimpse of Everest without the discomforts usually encountered in getting there. The parties were to embark by the jumbo-load from Tokyo, have a couple of days in Kathmandu, then proceed in a small plane to a specially built airstrip 13,000ft up in the Himalayas.

They would then board yaks for a short climb to the hotel itself, an extensive, luxurious establishment built in motorway-motel style. What awaited them there were the basic facilities of 20th century hotel life, plus a chance to admire the dawn sun hitting the roof of the world.

The concept was brilliant. Unfortunately it seems that no one had thought much about what happens to someone transposed without acclimatization from sea-level Tokyo to a perch 13,000ft up in the Himalayas. Altitude sickness is what happens. A severe headache and sleeplessness at best. Death at worst.

As I mounted the 24 granite steps to the plate-glass front door I was struck by the total incongruity of the place. What was it doing in this land of smoke-filled stone huts and farms? It was a spaceship marooned on an alien planet.

Also, it seemed to have been locked up and abandoned. But I could hear someone chopping wood. It was a Nepalese caretaker, who informed me that they were open for business and just happened to have a room free.

Thus began the strangest hotel night of my life. All the artefacts of a fully functioning luxury hotel were in place, just as they must have been when it was milling with excited, camera-toting, and no doubt headachy guests. It was as though a little corner of the 20th century, a bit of Milton Keynes perhaps, had survived some fearsome Armageddon to be discovered intact centuries later.

There was no light, no heat, no water, no guests and no staff, apart from the one Nepali. But he was determined to carry on regardless. Through the gloom I could see the dining room, with all its tables laid with white cloths, spotless glasses and cutlery.

He had learnt his English working in a hospital (which again seemed ominous). It was medical jargon, rather than hotel-speak, which came out. Taking a candle he led me down a corridor. "Are you ready for bed-rest?" "Will you be taking nourishment?"

I found myself in a finely furnished suite, with silent telephones, dry bathroom, cold radiators and a bed with the cold, damp feel of death about it. There were buttons on a bedside console, offering three-channel stereo and some form of bed vibration, all long since inoperative.

I dressed for my solitary dinner in every bit of Arctic gear I had, and ate a bowl of rice by the light of one candle. There seemed to be ghostly tourists at the other tables in the shadows around me.

Was it true that people had actually died in the hotel, I asked. "Dead on arrival," he said. "We had two doctors. Finest medical attention. Plenty of oxygen. No problem." But why was the hotel empty? "Difficulties of logistics."

I didn't sleep much. But at 5am I looked out of the window and saw the dawn sun tinting Everest, one of the world's great views. And, unlike Colditz, this is at least one natural fortress that has so far defied the efforts of the mass tourist industry.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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AWAY FROM THE BRINK

Yesterday's 0.25 per cent cut in money market rates in France and Germany was those nation's barely visible response to the cut in the US deficit. Only as a down-payment on more substantial action is it encouraging. Now that President and Congress have agreed on a cut in the US deficit the need is for the countries which have a balance of payments surplus to complement that by injecting additional momentum into their own economies. The Germans have made a start on this.

The response in financial markets was swift. The dollar, which on Monday registered disappointment with the much more substantial US move on the deficit, picked up nearly 1.5 pfennigs. The London stock market continued its modest recovery. Prices opened higher on Wall Street.

It was a good example of the way in which markets respond only to unexpected news while discounting more substantial events if they are already known. But at least the expansionary moves in Germany, modest as they are, can be coupled with the deficit contraction in the US to suggest that policy makers are prepared to take action against the imbalances in the world economy that were ultimately responsible for the stock market crash.

The measures taken so far are not enough to be certain of avoiding world recession. As the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, said in a speech to the American and Canadian Chambers of Commerce yesterday, whether the stock market crash has a serious impact on world economic growth — and it is bound to have some impact — depends on the extent to which the major economic powers can agree on the appropriate co-ordinated response.

The Chancellor was being customarily direct. Having advised the Americans on their policies earlier this month, he yesterday urged a complementary response from the countries in balance of payments surplus. The Germans should see their domestic monetary expansion in the context of the strong counter-inflationary advantages which they receive from a strong mark. The Japanese must open their domestic markets more fully to imports. The newly industrialized countries of the Far East, particularly Taiwan and Korea, can no longer expect to demand open access to the markets of the West while heavily protecting their domestic markets.

Mr Lawson was right to urge action on the countries with a trade surplus and right too to warn that the US may also need to take further action. The Federal Reserve needs to be ready to raise interest rates to defend the dollar. This is not only to resist inflation but also to reassure markets that the US is no longer prepared to use the threat of a lower dollar against countries in surplus which refuse to expand their economies. The brinkmanship is too dangerous.

Fears that higher interest rates will lead to a US recession are real, though they should be less after the strong growth in the third quarter revealed yesterday. In the end, however, the US cannot afford to run a protectionist policy which attempts to preserve American jobs at the expense of an ever lower dollar and rising inflation.

Britain can claim for the time being to have got its policies about right. The economy is already running about as fast as it can go, and faster this year than any other major economy. This has contributed to a balance of payments deficit, but one which so far is manageable for a country with the second largest stock of overseas assets in the world. Yesterday's trade figures for October were again reassuring.

Nor is Britain calling on the rest of the world to finance a large budget deficit. Indeed in terms of British budget arithmetic it scarcely has a deficit at all. Britain's contribution to policy adjustments is therefore likely to be less than that of most other countries. It will not be a bystander, however. It will play its part, the Chancellor promised yesterday. That part will best be played by a modest cut in interest rates in the context of further action by other members of the G7.

THE MOOD OF IRELAND

In the aftermath of Enniskillen it was said that a turning point had perhaps been reached — that public revulsion against murder in Ireland would now drain support from the terrorists and their allies. Sadly there have been regular predictions of this kind and, equally regularly, they have failed to come true. The public revulsion fades in time and the IRA continues.

But the public mood since the deaths on Remembrance Sunday can be seen as part of a slower, deeper change. The most recent sign was the news yesterday that the search operation on both sides of the border had included a visit to the house of Mr Neil Blaney, the veteran Republican supporter and member of the Dail, who, nearly twenty years ago was a co-defendant in a Dublin arms-smuggling trial. One of the others subsequently acquitted was the present Irish Prime Minister, Mr Charles Haughey.

Mr Haughey holds power by a slender margin. Yesterday his government faced the inevitable parliamentary row arising from the raid on the house of a man whose vote is so vital to its own survival. For a Fianna Fail government — the Irish party traditionally most sympathetic to the Republican cause — to confront this challenge would signal that Mr Haughey was confident of support from public opinion. (Sadly, there were also signs yesterday that he was not confident enough to face down his own backbenchers over the implementation of the new extradition law and there are disturbing reports this morning of an unsatisfactory compromise.)

The joint arms search at least symbolizes some fresh determination to show inter-government co-ordination at work. Publicly announced joint searches have been rare in the past and on this scale, unknown. It seems possible that the tragedy of Enniskillen has made clearer to both British and Irish governments the need not only to be co-operating more closely on security matters but to be seen to be doing so. Such co-operation — and results — are the only way in which the Anglo-Irish Agreement will last beyond its first review at this time next year.

The arms found on the *Eksund* and the reports of previous similar shipments provide fresh evidence of the scope of the IRA's ambitions. They have also led to some misleading speculation about the possibility of frontal warfare against the security forces. This seems unlikely, unless the IRA has decided to change its strategy completely — and there is little other evidence to that effect.

The exact nature of the IRA's strategy affects the emphasis of the security policies used against it. That strategy seeks to separate Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom; murders of policemen and soldiers are not committed to inflict a military defeat, but to persuade the population and politicians of the British mainland that there is no point in staying in the north.

The weapons which trickle through the Irish coast are destined for a paramilitary campaign which relies on the drip effect rather than on a massive insurgency. It is also a campaign which relies on publicity to weaken British resolve: exotic weapons help to grab the attention of a weary public and to encourage the delusion that the IRA will never go away.

The atrocity at Enniskillen may have worked against this aim. It has helped encourage a realistic strength of purpose which has been especially evident south of the border — notwithstanding Mr Haughey's wriggling on extradition. As opinion in the Republic moves slowly away from irredentist nationalism to a long overdue adjustment to realities, so that adjustment has hardened Irish opinion against terrorism and the moral ambivalence which has often tolerated it.

People in the Republic have a deeper knowledge of just how long it takes to force well-rooted terrorists into the margins of society than many in Britain. Now more of them are prepared to say out loud that however long it takes, it can and must be done.

A WOMAN ON THE LIST

The Prime Minister has never been one for "women's issues". When, for example in magazine interviews, she has deliberately put herself forward as a woman, it has been in a most traditional way, never — to use the modish phrase — threatening. Any mention by her of the status of women in public life is thus unusual.

On Monday Mrs Thatcher went out of her way to make such a point after unveiling a plaque dedicated to Nancy Astor, the first woman to sit in the House of Commons. She said that she sends back to her officials shortlists of candidates for top jobs if they do not include the name of at least one woman.

There are two ways of greeting the Prime Minister's disclosure, both positive. One is to hope that the Prime Minister will keep up the pressure on the Public Appointments Unit which is already under orders to increase the number of female names on its list of those wishing to be considered for appointment to public bodies. She might also ask Lord Mackay of Clashfern whether he too is as fastidious about the little lists he regularly compiles of candidates for the lay magistracy. Was there a woman lawyer on the list his department prepared a few days ago before it chose a male barrister to head the inquiry into the King's Cross fire?

The Prime Minister is on record staunchly opposed to positive discrimination. If that phrase means preferring candidates who are less qualified, then the principle ought to be universally agreed. But it surely should not exclude recognition that women's career patterns must — if they are ever to have the chance of reaching the top — make provision for their likely alternate roles as mothers. Any organization concerned to maximize its supply of talent must take the trouble to ensure that its female employees can as far as possible combine work and motherhood and bring together professional and domestic life.

Mrs Thatcher is the minister for the Civil Service, and has the opportunity as such to lead by example. In her name some progress has been made in making Whitehall a more hospitable environment for women civil servants. But female talent is still lost at every stage — at appointment, on promotion, during and after pregnancy.

Work practices may have to change to give women achievers a fair chance. The price may seem high but if the supply of high quality personnel is to be enhanced it is a price that is surely worth paying both in money and in short-run inconvenience to male officials and ministers unused to coping with part-time arrangements and job sharing.

Mrs Thatcher's remarks are welcome then, in a second, wider sense. To ensure there are women's names to put on those short lists at the top, much more needs to be done to structure employment from the bottom in such a way that women are enabled to take on domestic responsibilities without losing fair opportunity to progress up the ladder. The Civil Service has much to learn from enlightened employers in the private sector and, especially, in local government where — though she might dislike their politics — some impressive women have risen to positions of power and influence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A 'crisis of exclusion' for youth

From the National Secretary of the National Council of YMCAs

Sir, As Professor Coffield (report, November 19) will know, the term "crisis of exclusion", referring to the political, social and economic exclusion of young people, is not a new one; it has been bandied around for over two years at least. It is our hope that the statement by the Prince of Wales (reported in the same article) will at last mean that something concrete is done about this crisis.

For voluntary organisations such as the YMCA this "crisis of exclusion" is a daily reality; the YMCA comes into contact with nearly a million young people each year, many of whom, because of personal or social difficulties or economic hardship, feel alienated from society, unable to engage fully in the life of their community.

The stated aim of the YMCA is to help young people develop in mind, body *and* spirit. We believe that only through this "whole" approach can young people really make the most of their lives. For this reason we support the notion of national voluntary service for young people, not as a panacea for unemployment, but to give young people a chance to spend a year participating and becoming involved in society.

It is vital that community service is not seen as something reserved simply for the unemployed who have nothing better to do. Rather, it should be an experience which cuts across social and economic boundaries; everyone, from the dustman to the City stockbroker, should be encouraged to develop a greater sense of responsibility towards the community.

Such a scheme might also help to alleviate the pressures on social services by providing support in one-to-one caring, conservation work and urban renewal.

But to achieve this end we need more resources. It will only be through a marriage of real commitment and real investment in training, leadership and facilities that we can encourage young people to make creative and productive use of their time.

The Prince of Wales has done much to help young people realise their own potential. Let's hope his concern will prove the trigger to a committed response from the Government.

Yours faithfully,
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From Lady Prior

Sir, The idea of a period of compulsory community service is not new. It was considered in depth, and much publicized some years ago, before being rejected largely because of its compulsory element. The Prince of Wales has rightly brought up the subject again.

Since that time much has changed. We have at last woken up to the need for far more and better training for work and for life-skills for all our young people. There are few who do not avail themselves of either further education or a place on a job-training scheme.

Why not include a community service element in all further education and training programmes? This might necessitate slightly increasing the length of training or educational programmes, but would certainly be cost-effective to run in comparison with starting up a whole new and separate community service programme. It also has the advantage of making young people aware that service to the community should be an integral part of working life.

Yours faithfully,
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Presidential actions

From Mr J. C. Crookshank

Sir, The comparison between Roosevelt's actions without the support of Congress to bring America into the war against Hitler and Reagan's actions in Nicaragua may be closer than your leader (November 19) has it.

By September 4, 1941, when the American destroyer Greer was attacked by a U-boat, the American Navy was using the British naval base at Bermuda to control the Central Atlantic Neutrality Patrol, with up to six battleships, eight cruisers and 17 destroyers employed. It was operating air patrols from Canadian bases and had escorted an American guardian force to Iceland.

Roosevelt used the perceived 1941 threat to Latin-American countries, which was not serious at the time but could have been so if the Germans had won the European war, rather as Reagan is using the 1980s threat from Russian involvement on the Latin-American mainland. A map purporting to show German air bases planned from Hungary to Mexico, which had been forged by British Intelligence based in Ottawa, played a key part in convincing Roosevelt of the seriousness of the Nazi threat.

As it transpired, America's war started in the Pacific and not in the Atlantic; but, as Roosevelt said in his broadcast to the American people on September 11, 1941, "when you see a rattlesnake poised to strike you do not wait until he has struck you before you crush him".

Reagan is carrying out his obligations under the Monroe Doctrine as Roosevelt and Kennedy did in their day and as he sees the position now.

Yours faithfully,
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Opera incident

From Miss Jessye Norman

Sir, The article by your Rome Correspondent (later editions, November 18), headlined "Opera star wars are hotting up", conveyed a misleading impression about the circumstances in which I was unable to proceed with my planned recital at the Teatro Nuovo in Milan.

The situation was distressing enough without having to read such an inaccurate account of it in *The Times*. The article was also incorrect in stating that the performance had been cancelled. In fact, as the audience were told at the time, it was merely postponed and, due not least to the considerable efforts of the administration of La Scala, was rearranged at very short notice for Sunday, November 22, at La Teatro alla Scala.

The administration of La Scala which promoted the concert had never before arranged a song-recital in the Teatro Nuovo and in my opinion had not checked the acoustics and the general facilities, even though this was their responsibility. In fact even a suitable dressing room was not available and I was relocated to an office, four floors above the stage, to prepare and warm up for the recital.

As it turned out, the acoustics and the facilities proved to be completely unsuitable. In particular, the piano was not in good condition and, due to the presence of a set on stage, relating to another production, it would have been necessary for me to perform on the lip of the stage.

To have given a performance in such conditions would have been a mockery. No one regretted this more than me. The anger of the audience (including that of journalists present) was not directed at me, but at the management of La Scala who had brought about the situation.

It is not true that I refused to sing unless the concert was transferred to La Scala. I realised that this would not be possible and made no such demand. Nor is there the slightest justification for your Correspondent's speculation that I might have been retaliating for occasions when Italian singers have refused to sing in the United States. There was no link whatever between the two events. The sole reason my recital could not proceed is as described above.

Yours faithfuly,
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Living dangerously?

From Professor Philip Rhodes

Sir, One interpretation of your piece (report, November 23) on women ignoring risks to health is that despite unhealthy life styles and indulgence in smoking, drinking of alcohol and failing to exercise during this century they nevertheless have a life expectancy in England and Wales of 77.9 years on average.

What are the health educators now trying to achieve? Why are they so sure that they know what is best for others? Do their equations take everything into account?

Yours sincerely,
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After the planes

From Lord Birkett

Sir, It is good to see Lord Aberconway (November 9) recommending the gingko as a street tree. Indeed it is good to hear of any suggestion for our streets other than the London plane, not because planes are not strikingly handsome trees; not because they are not amazingly pollution-resistant; and not because the hurricane has taken such tragic toll of them; but because it is surely tempting providence to place such reliance upon any single species.

Already there is danger to the planes, from fungal disease or from winter salt-spreading on the roads, or both (There is a controversy about it). But if anything as fatal as Dutch elm disease were to strike the planes, London and many other cities would be desolated in a way that would make even the hurricane damage seem mild.

There are many trees which would be both attractive and sturdy enough for street planting, just so long as they are planted in the street itself and not in the tubs that are beginning to disfigure much of central London. Trees properly planted somehow belong to the street; trees in tubs look as if they have been borrowed — here today, gone tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,
BIRKETT,
Great Allfields,
Balls Cross,
Petworth,
West Sussex.
November 10.

Renewed doubts on 'trial by TV'

From Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, FRS

Sir, I rather doubt whether the public will be entirely reassured by Mr Richard Dunn's apologia (November 18) for the proposed programme on Dr Waldheim.

I express, and have, no opinion as to the validity or otherwise of the "various allegations" concerning Dr Waldheim's past activities. But I do not believe that the presence or absence of a jury or verdict can alter the fundamental objections to the procedure proposed.

How can counsel on either side "present their respective cases before a panel of five internationally eminent jurists" with any hope of achieving a fair examination of the facts when one side at least has had no opportunity whatever of conferring with their "client", has not required from him any instructions to form the basis of his "case" or, if oral evidence is proposed, to provide the basis for cross-examination or the production of relevant witnesses?

And what is to be the function of the "panel of five internationally eminent jurists" if they are not actually to adjudicate? Are they just to act as dummies, or have they the duty of ruling on the admissibility of evidence or attempting to keep the "respective counsel" in order?

Apart from the political question raised by Lord Caccia (November 10) as to the desirability of impleading (in effect) the elected head of state of an independent and sovereign nation, I question whether it is in the public interest to utilise in a perfectly artificial atmosphere a sort of legal charade.

Properly used, the legal process is a perfectly reputable method of ascertaining the truth of disputed facts, and an attractively staged mock trial of a historical character like Richard III may be a legitimate and enjoyable, even instructive, form of public entertainment.

But one is surely entitled to question the wisdom of using the device of television to create a false impression of a real trial to implead a living human being even if he were not, as is Dr Waldheim, a person of eminence in his own right. To do so is surely to make a mockery of the judicial process itself.

Where is this precedent going to end?

Yours etc,
HAILSHAM,
House of Lords.

Frescoes remembered

From Mr D. Wilson

Sir, In his perceptive review of the exhibition of Edwardian art at the Barbican (November 16) your correspondent, Mr John Russell Taylor, asks, "who now remembers the work of Mary Sargant Florence?

It may be of interest to Mr Russell Taylor, and maybe to readers of *The Times*, to know of the existence of a number of frescoes executed by Mary Sargant Florence which adorn the walls of the assembly hall of the junior school at Bournville, Birmingham, formerly known as the Undenominational School.

This school accepted its first pupils, I believe, during 1917, so presumably the frescoes, which illustrate biblical scenes, were executed at that time or shortly afterwards. They would have been done almost certainly at the instigation of Mr George Cadbury, founder of Bournville village and benefactor of the school.

As a pupil of the school from 1934 to 1938 I came to know those frescoes very well, since one or other of the scenes depicted frequently provided the text for morning assembly. The artist's name was often mentioned.

Yours faithfully,
D. WILSON,
73 Green Meadow Road,
Selly Oak,
Birmingham, West Midlands.

Europe post-1992

From Dr Caroline Jackson, MEP for Wiltshire (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Publicising the 1992 deadline for the completion of the open market in the European Community is fine, but one wonders if the message about expanding opportunities can be got through to the right people in time. Certainly the attitude of British industry to the continental European market now does not augur well for our success after 1992.

This is vividly illustrated in Spain — an expanding market where pre-1986 tariff barriers against goods from other EC countries are coming down. Spanish consumers are very keen on British goods. Spanish industry is seeking British commercial partners. Spanish trade fairs want British participants.

It's true that the value of our exports to Spain has increased by 20 per cent a year recently. But the French figure is 40 per cent, and the Italians may overtake us. The record of British participation in important Spanish trade fairs is a wretched catalogue of cancellations and absence. Even when British firms do participate they often fail to take the fundamental step of getting information about products translated.

One aspect of this problem is that the idea of Europe as our "home market" has crept up on the present generation of export directors, trade association directors etc, whose ideas and priorities were formed in a differently-orientated commercial environment. We are notorious as a nation for the absence of on-the-job training. But such training, about the EC and about the implications of 1992, is urgently needed. Five successive feature pages in *The Times* (Spectrum, November 16-20) are not enough.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE JACKSON,
74 Carlisle Mansions,
Carlisle Place, SW1.

Burdens of age

From Mr Donald S. Mindel

Sir, I was interested to read Mr Meehan's observations (November 23) on the incivility in the younger generation. Having what I consider to be the civility of an older generation (I am 63), I recently offered my seat in the London Underground to a middle-aged lady.

She and her female companion ignored me completely, but argued loudly and at length about which one of them should accept the seat while I stood there like a complete idiot.

As they seemed to be reaching no conclusion, a young man took advantage of the impasse and, with an amused smile, occupied the seat!

There must be a moral to this tale, but I am not sure what it is.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD S. MINDEL,
30 Aubrey Walk,
Kensington, W8.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 25 1882

To mark a further honour accorded by Queen Victoria to the Royal Water-Colour Society The Times *devoted a leading article to an "art especially English" and pondered on the merits of a possible merger of the society and the Royal Academy*

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[UNITED ARTISTS]

HER MAJESTY has been advised to bestow upon the Water-Colour Society in Pall-mall East an honour to which public opinion will give a cordial assent. A year ago the QUEEN conferred upon the body the prefix of Royal. As a natural corollary to the title, the dignity of membership is to be confirmed by the grant of a diploma signed by herself. Besides the step in social precedence which a Royal diploma conveys, the favour places the members of the Society of Water-Colour Painters on professional equality with Royal Academicians. It is as it were announced on authority that the country invites the Society and its chiefs to share with the elder and larger fellowship at Burlington House the trusteeship of British art. The dignity and confidence have not been awarded capriciously or experimentally. For seventy-eight years the institution which may now be considered to have been ennobled has upheld, without State fee or countenance, by mere right of good work, the standard of one important branch of painting. To the rooms in Pall-mall East the public has been in the habit of first looking to cultivate its own taste for a delightful pursuit, and to trace the progress which has been made. GEORGE BARRET'S classic landscapes and JOHN VARLEY'S faithful English riverside scenes adorned its earliest exhibitions. Within half-a-dozen years from its commencement, the more celebrated names of COPLEY FIELDING and DE WINT appear in its catalogues. A continuous succession of others as famous or more famous followed. SAMUEL PROUT and DAVID COX, WILLIAM HUNT, and CHARLES CATTERMOLE, and J. F. LEWIS would have rendered any gallery in Europe illustrious. One of TURNER'S exquisite drawings has graced its walls, though TURNER himself was not a member... Its living members sustain and embellish the rank their Society has inherited. Their methods of manipulation have changed through a generous ambition to compass new effects. Not a few have added to the mastery of light and shade descended to them from their artistic forerunners a subtle sense of the harmony of colour which has rendered the ancient designation of their art as "drawing" an anachronism. While building their rainbow-hued castles in the air, they have never lost their hold upon earth. In simple loyalty to nature the contemporary exhibitions and exhibitors do not fall an inch behind the best which have preceded them.

State patronage might, perhaps, have been offered sooner had it been needed to recommend to English taste a desirable but alien accomplishment. Water-colour painters reasonably expect State recognition, which is now at length conceded, for the admirable work they have done to the glory of British art; water-colour painting is too racy and native to the soil to want State encouragement in order to exist.

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The Royal Academy and the Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours between them represent fairly the several branches of English art... All that the two bodies can do one united body could do more thoroughly...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 24: The Lord Plumb (*President of the European Parliament*) had the honour of being received by The Queen *this morning*.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince and Princess of Wales and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon were present.

The String Orchestra of the Irish Guards played selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on duty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in the *Duke of Edinburgh's Award*.

His Royal Highness, Visitor and Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Art, *this* evening opened the Great Engineers Exhibition at the Royal College of Art, *Kensington* Gore, *London* SW7.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM, was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this morning from Burma.

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Cobbold (formerly Lord Chamberlain) which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London EC2, today.

The *Duke* of *Edinburgh* was represented by the Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne.

The Princess Royal was represented by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 24: Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. K. O'Brien today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. G. Boissard also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty *upon assuming his appointment* as Commanding Officer of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) was present this evening at a Reception given by the London Branch of The Black Watch Association at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial Service for the Lord Cobbold which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall today.

Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 24: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the Second International Conference on the Protection of the North Sea at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London SW1.

His Royal Highness, Colonel, Welsh *Guards, this morning* at Kensington Palace received Colonel C. F. Drewry upon relinquishing *command of the* 1st Battalion.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received Mr David Landale at Kensington Palace.

His Royal Highness this morning at Kensington Palace received the Right Hon Richard Luce MP (Minister for the Arts).

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, this afternoon visited the Disabled Living Foundation, 380-384 Harrow Road, London W9.

Mr Humphrey Mews was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Hon Edward Adeane at the Memorial Service for the Lord Cobbold which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London EC2, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 24: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was present this afternoon *at the General Meeting* of the East Africa Women's League (United Kingdom) at Holy *Trinity* Church House, Brompton Road, London SW7

Miss Diana Harrison was in *attendance*.

The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited the 125th Show and Sale of the Birmingham Agricultural Exhibition Society at the Bingley Hall, County Showground, Stafford. In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Ancient High House and later opened the Foregate Court Housing Scheme of the Beth Johnson Housing Association, Stafford.

The Duke of Gloucester, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke of Gloucester were represented by Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald at the Memorial Service for the Lord Cobbold which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London EC2, today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
The Duke of Kent, Chairman of *the National Electronics Council*, this afternoon took the chair at the Council's Annual General *Meeting and later attended* the Mountbatten Lecture, which was given by Mr John Cassels, *at the Institution* of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2.

*Captain Michael Campbell-*Lamerton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Controller Commandant, this morning attended the 1987 Formal Conference of the Director Women's Royal Army Corps at the Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Sir *Richard Buckley* at the Memorial Service for the Lord Cobbold which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London EC2 today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 24: Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon *Angus Ogilvy at the Memorial* Service for the Lord Cobbold which was held in the Church of *St Lawrence Jewry next* Guildhall, London EC2 today.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and *the Duke* of Edinburgh will visit the Royal College of Defence Studies at 11.00 to mark *its* diamond jubilee.

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the Torch Trophy Trust Awards at a reception at Simpson (Piccadilly) at 6.00: and, as Honorary Member of the Smeatonian Society, will attend a dinner at Great George Street, SW1, at 7.05.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will present long service badges to Queen's Nurses of The Queen's Nursing Institute at St James's Palace at 3.00.

The Prince of Wales will visit the exhibition "Wemyss Ware - A Great British Tradition" at 19 South Audley Street, W1, at 5.00; later, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, he will attend the Anglo-Spanish Society's biennial ball at Syon House, Brentford, at 8.30.

Princess Margaret will visit the offices and printing plant of the *Evening Sentinel*, Stoke-on-Trent, at 3.00. Later she will open Keele University Science Park at 4.30; and the new Victoria Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme, at 7.05.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the Art and Work awards at the Business Design Centre, Agricultural Hall, Islington, at 12.20.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Leeds University at 7.20 to commemorate her installation as *Chancellor 21 years* ago

Princess Alexandra will attend the charity premiere of the Thames silent film *Ben Hur* at *the London Palladium* at 7.20, in aid of the British Deaf Association.

Lord Rees, QC, formerly Mr Peter Rees, the Conservative Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who was introduced into the House of Lords yesterday.

Royal School of Church Music

The following have been awarded the Archbishop of Canterbury's Diploma in Church Music:
Mr Richard Archer, of Leicester; Mr Roger Brooks, of Bromsgrove; and *Dr Peter Underwood*, of Loughborough.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Miss Ena Evans, Headmistress of King Edward VI High School for Girls, Birmingham, to be *President of the Girls' Schools'* Association. She succeeds Sister Jean Sinclair, Headmistress of *St Leonard's, Mayfield*.

Mr Richard Pascoe Gard to be Director of the Institute of *Agricultural* Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Notice to investors.

The rate of interest on investment shares and deposits will be reduced by 1.00% p.a. except as set out below.

The rate of interest on Cardcash accounts with balances of £2,000 and over *will be reduced by* 1.13% p.a. and on Premium Xtra accounts by 0.99% p.a.

The rate of interest on investments of individuals who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and in respect of whom the Society has received an appropriate declaration will be reduced as follows:

Special Investment Certificates and Special Investment Accounts (second issue) by 1.34% p.a.

Deposit Cheque by 1.35% p.a.

90 Day Xtra (balances of £10,000 and over but less than £25,000) by 1.38% p.a.

Cardcash (balances less than £2,000) by 1.39% p.a.

Special Investment Accounts (first issue) and Convertible Term Shares by 1.40% p.a.

90 Day Xtra (balances of £25,000 and over) by 1.46% p.a.

Monthly Savings, 28 Day Xtra (balances of £500 and over), Instant Xtra (balances *of £500 and over but less than* £2,000, *and balances of* £5,000 *and* over but less then £10,000) by 1.47% p.a.

90 Day Xtra (balances of £500 and over but less than £10,000) and Instant Xtra (balances of £2,000 and over but less than £5,000 and balances of £10,000 and over) by 1.55% p.a.

Deposit (other than Cardcash), Subscription Shares and *Matured* Subscription Shares by 1.56% p.a.

Cardcash (balances of £2,000 and over) by 1.64% p.a.

Premium Xtra by 1.72% p.a.

The rate of interest on Paid-Up Shares will be reduced by 1.39% p.a., except as set out above.

The rate of interest on Deposit Cheque accounts subject to the basic rate of tax will remain unchanged.

Some classes of investor will receive separate notices which will then replace this notice.

The new rates will apply on and after 1st December 1987.

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Horticulture

Tree growers defy hurricane

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

Two large displays of conifers at the Royal Horticultural Society's show form a fitting epitaph to the many large specimens lost in National Trust gardens during the hurricane last month.

Nymans Gardens, of Handcross, Sussex, have included many pines in their exhibit, such as *Pinus radiata* which, ironically, is often planted as a *wind*break. Less than 10 per cent of the collection of exotic conifers planted between 1900 and 1914 remain.

Sheffield Park Gardens, near *Uckfield*, Sussex, are showing many of the rare species which were lost, such as *Picea polita* and the very rare and virtually irreplaceable *Juniperus drupacea*. Both of these exhibits were awarded gold medals.

However, the show, which opened yesterday in Westminster, has a mainly exotic theme, with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (which gained a gold medal), and Anmore Exotics, of Lovedean, Hampshire, *showing* tropical foliage and flowering plants. Both are featuring the highly colourful *Cordyline terminalis* varieties like 'Prince *Albert*' and '*Lord* Roberts', with bronze and pink striped foliage.

Mr and Mrs W. L. Tjaden, of Welling, Kent, are showing many of their own seedlings of crab cacti (schlumbergera), which flower earlier than the similar Christmas cacti. One variety, 'Gold Charm', changes the colour of its flowers according to temperature: they are *yellow in warm* conditions and pink when cool.

In the RHS competition for trees and shrubs, the Rosse Cup, for conifers, has been won by Anne Countess of Rosse and the National Trust, of Nymans Gardens, Handcross, Sussex. The class for berrying trees and shrubs was impressive; it was won by Lord Aberconway and the National Trust, of Bodnant, Clwyd, with *Cotoneaster conspicuous decorus*, densely packed with vermilion berries.The evergreen foliage shrub, *Elaeagnus ebbingei* 'Gilt Edge', with yellow-edged leaves, gained a first prize for G. S. Thomas, of Horsell, Surrey, and has also been awarded a first class certificate.

In the RHS late apple and pear competition, C. P. Hollis, of Romford, Essex, and Dr J. M. Yong, of *Osterley, Middlesex*, have won *the* classes for three varieties of dessert apples and have included modern varieties like 'Idared' and 'Sunset'. In the *classes for three varieties of cooking apples*, the winners, H. Tuey, of Long Eaton, Nottinghamshire, and G. E. Booth, also of Long Eaton, have *included the modern variety* 'Crispin' in their exhibit.

Brian Hargreaves, of Orpington, Kent, has *been awarded a gold medal for watercolour* paintings of pests, diseases and disorders of garden plants.

The show is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Memorial services

Lord Cobbold
The Queen was represented by the Earl of Airlie and the Duke of Edinburgh by Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Cobbold held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, the Prince of Wales by the Hon Edward Adeane, the Princess Royal by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, Princess Alice *Duchess of Gloucester and* the Duke of Gloucester by Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Angus Ogilvy.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said the commendation. Canon David Burgess officiated and Lord Cobbold, son, and Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, read the lessons. Lord O'Brien of Lothbury gave an address.

Lord and Lady Home of the *Hirsel, Lord and Lady Wilson* of Rievaulx, Mr Edward Heath, MP, and Lord and Lady Callaghan of Cardiff attended. The Lord Mayor was represented by Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett. Others present included:

Lady Hermione Cobbold (widow), the Hon Rowland and Mrs Cobbold (son *and daughter-in-law*), Lady Cobbold (daughter-in-law), Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Blount (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Peter Lytton Cobbold, the Hon Richard Lytton *Cobbold the Hon Rosina Lytton* Cobbold Mr Harry Malovu Mr Oliver Blount, Miss Catherine Blount Miss Pamela Blount Miss Lorna Cobbold and Patrick Cobbold (grandchildren), *the Hon Montagu and Lady Davina* Woodhouse (brother-in-law and sister-in-law)

Sir George Blunden (deputy governor, Bank of England) and Lady *Blunden with* Mr A D Loehnis Mr E A J George Mr D A Walker the Hon Sir John Baring and Mr R D Galpin (directors) and Mr D H F Somerset (chief cashier)

The Duchess of Grafton, the Earl of Selkirk, QC, and the Countess of Selkirk, the Earl of Cromer, the Earl of Erne, the Earl of Inchcape, Viscount Ridley, Viscount Garmoyle (also representing S G Warburg and Company), Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lady O'Brien of Lothbury, Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, Lord and Lady Freyberg, Lady Thomson of Monifieth, Lord Gibson-Watt, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lady Trevelyan, Lord and Lady Terrington, Lord and Lady Maclean, Lord and Lady Hothfield, Lord Farnham (chairman, Brown, Shipley and Company) and Lady Farnham, Lord Monteagle of Brandon, Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Provost of Eton) Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton Lord Justice Lloyd, Sir William Heseltine Lady Jenny Ponié

The Hon Mrs Hugh Astor (League of Friends, The Middlesex Hospital), the Hon Isabel Catto the Hon Raymond and Mrs Bonham Carter Sir Humphrey and Lady Mynors, Sir Hugh Sturley, Sir Dallas Bernard Sir Jasper Hollom (chairman Eagle Star Holdings) Sir Robert Clark (chairman Hill Samuel Group) *Sir David and Lady* Steel Sir Jeremy Morse (chairman Lloyds Bank) Sir George Abell Sir Robin and Lady Brook Sir Alastair Pilkington Sir Harry Moore Sir Eric and Lady Drake, Sir Peter Walters (The British Petroleum Company), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston (Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office *with Lieutenant-Colonel George* West (assistant comptroller) and Mr John Titman (secretary).

Sir John Hogg, Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts, Marshal of the RAF Sir John and Lady Grandy, Sir Douglas and Lady Ranger, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, Sir Peter and Lady Miles, Sir Frederic Harmer, Sir Christopher and Lady Laidlaw, Lady Christie, Sir Ralph Southward, Sir Edward and Lady Playfair, Sir Archibald Forbes, Sir Maurice and Lady Banks, Sir Denis and Lady Rickett, Lady Rowan, Sir Anthony Abell, Sir Alastair and Lady Down, Mr Petre Crowder, QC, and the Hon Mrs Crowder, Commander and Mrs Michael Wall

Mr and Mrs Andrew Gibson-Watt, Mr Patrick Cobbold, Mrs *Alistair* Cobbold, Mr R A B Nicolle, Mr and Mrs Anthony Cobbold, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Cobbold, Mr Christopher Woodhouse, Mr Charles Blount, Mrs B White-Spunner, Judge and Mrs Sturley, Mr D H B Chesshyre (representing the Garter Principal King of Arms), Mr L D de Rothschild, Mr J B Page, Mr J M Clay, Mr W M Allen, Mr J C R Dow, Professor Brian Griffiths, Mr R H Barkshire, Mr J B Reid, Mr P A S Taylor, Mr J F M Smallwood, Mr W W Slack (dean, The Middlesex Hospital Medical School) and Mrs Slack with Mr David B Money-Coutts (chairman) and Mrs Money-Coutts

Mr J E H Collins (chairman, *Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance*) with Mr Peter R Dugdale (managing director) Mr Michael J Verey (Schroders) Mr Quentin Morris (Globe Investment Trust), Mr J G Links (*Hudson's Bay Company*), *Mr Simon* Toynbee (Henderson Administration) Mr Charles Hambro (chairman Hambros) with Mr John Clay (vice chairman) Mr Roger Gibbs (*chairman Gerrard and National*) with Mr David Hamilton Clarke (managing director) Dr M Hill (Reserve Bank of Australia) Signor Luigi Mariu (Bank of Italy), Mr R C Balfour (*World Federation of Rose Society*), Mrs Martin Acland (also representing National Garden Scheme and the Hertfordshire Nursing Trust), Lieutenant-Colonel J C Thomson (Hertfordshire Society), Mr B G M Dunn (Hertfordshire Playing Fields Association)

Mr Adrian Barnes (City Remembrancer), Mr Simon Towneley, Mrs Fiona Martin, Mrs Heather Brigstocke, Mr John Sangster, Mrs Peter Barry, Mr John Sainsbury, Mr Peter Baring, Colonel and Mrs G Kenyon, Mrs Donald Gordon, Mrs Vivienne Simmonds, Mr Douglas A Clarke, Mrs Roger Paul, Miss Sasha Cotterell, Mr Hilton S Clarke, Mr and Mrs Graham Buckley, Mr G H Stafford, Mr Simon Bowes Lyon, Mr and Mrs John W Hodge, Mr Deputy H W S Horlock, Mr David Hambro, Mrs L Hambro, Mr and Mrs Henry Jones, Mr C Johnson Gilbert, Mrs John Wauchope, Miss A Cullen and Mr and Mrs C Sainsbury

Mr E.M. Fry
A memorial service for Mr E. Maxwell Fry was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly The Rev Donald Reeves officiated and Mr Nicholas Collin, grandson, read the lesson. Mrs Maud Hatmil, Mr Ebrahim Golestan and Sir Philip Dowson gave addresses. Among those present were:

Mrs Fry (widow), Mrs Ann Collin (daughter), Mr and Mrs G O'Shaughnessy (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Mr Thomas Madge, *Mrs Sonia Lawes, Miss Charlotte* Collin, Miss Cathy Collin, Mrs Frances Nation, Mr Matthew O'Shaughnessy and Luke O'Shaughnessy (grandchildren), Austin Collin (greatgrandson), *Mr David* Morrison, Mrs Shireen Khazemi, Mr Maurice Down, Mr and Mrs John Lavrin.

Viscount and Viscountess Esher, Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, and Lady Elwyn-Jones, Lord Cunliffe, *Mr* Michael Foot, MP, Sir Peter Blaker, MP, and Lady Blaker, the Hon Mrs Fionn Morgan, Sir Anthony and Lady Bowlby, Sir John Summerson, CH, and Lady Summerson Sir Cyril and Lady Pickard, Lady Dowson, Sir Leslie and Lady Monson, Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, Sir Denys and Lady Lasdun, Sir James and Lady Dunnett, Sir James Richards, Sir Philip Powell, CH

Mr Roger de Grey (President of the Royal Academy) with Mr Piers Rodgers (secretary); Professor Trevor Dannatt, Mr Theo Crosby Mr Leonard Manasseh, Mr and Mrs H T Cadbury Brown, Mrs Michael Rothenstein, Mr Sidney Hutchison, *Mr Hans Feibusch, Mr* Jolyon Dromgoole (director (council secretariat) Institution of Civil Engineers) and Mrs Dromgoole, Mr Edouard Le Maistre (secretary, Architectural *Association*), *Mr Sherban Cantacuzino* (Royal Fine Art Commission), Mr Peter Dunican (Ove Arup Partnership), Mr and Mrs Terence Mallinson, Mrs Robert Maxwell Mr and Mrs D *Lennon, Mr Charles Haimil, Mr* Patrick Haimil Miss Lola Haimil Mr and Mrs John Morrison, Mr Geoffrey Knight, Mr Edward Mills Mr Victor Watson, Miss Diana Rowntree Mrs *Serge Prokofieff* Mr John Auden, Mr Gordon Wigglesworth and Mr A S Gray

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A. Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe
and Mrs V.N.T. Llewellyn
The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place *shortly*, between John Austen, youngest son of the late Sir Richard and Lady Anstruther-*Gough-Calthorpe*, of Shroner Wood, Winchester, and Vanessa Mary Teresa, youngest daughter *of Lieutenant Commander* and Lady Miriam Hubbard, of Thurston Croft, *Bury St Edmunds*, Suffolk.

Mr T.J. Cato
and Miss K.J. Price
The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr Michael Cato, of Farnham, Surrey, and the late Mrs Rosemary Cato, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Price, of Pitsford, Northampton.

Mr S.M. Collins
and Miss M.J. Whetstone
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Collins, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Whetstone, both of Matching, Essex.

Mr M.A. Douglas
and Miss H.E. Thompstone
The engagement is announced between Michael Arthur, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert A.W. Douglas, of 26 Grange Park, Bangor, Co Down, and Helen *Elizabeth, only daughter of the* Rev John D. and Mrs Thompstone, of St Peter's Vicarage, Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Mr J.E. Macpherson
and Miss L. Sunderland
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Macpherson, of Barkway, Hertfordshire, and Lydia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Sunderland, of Oxenhope, Yorkshire.

Mr C.M. Steedman
and Miss S.A.I. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Campbell Maclean, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.R. Steedman, of Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, and Sally Annette Irene, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.C.H. Thompson, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr A.V. Milburn
and Miss L.E. Richards
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Milburn, of *Amersham, Buckinghamshire*, and Louise Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Richards, of *Glemsford, Suffolk*.

Mr D.W. Morgan
and Miss S.C. Pearce
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.J.N. Morgan, of Durham City, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Pearce, of Crosby, Liverpool.

Mr N.J. Temple-Smith
and Dr J.L. Mapa
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Temple-Smith, of Hempton, Oxfordshire, and Jean, only daughter of Major and Mrs R.V. Mapa, of Davao City, Philippines.

Mr S.A. Whittome
and Miss L.K. Wiseman
The engagement is announced between Simon Andrew, third son of Mr and Mrs K.J. Whittome, of Kingsclere, Hampshire, and Leonora, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J. Wiseman, of Shenstone, Staffordshire.

Mr A.T. Wood
and Miss F. Clark
The engagement is announced between Allan, only son of Mr *Edward Wood, of Tavistock*, Devon, and Mrs Peter Quilter, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Clark, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.S.R. Wood
and Miss E.A. Leiper
The engagement is announced between *Jonathan, elder son of* Mr and Mrs J.R.L. Wood, of Herne Hill, London, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of the Rev N.K. and Mrs Leiper, of Childwall Valley, Liverpool.

Marriage

Mr J.E. Keith
and Miss V.R. Cook
The marriage took place, on November 14, of Mr James Edward Keith, son of Mrs M. Keith and the late Captain M. Keith, of Hoe Hall, Dereham, Norfolk, to Miss Victoria Rosemary Cook, daughter of Mr R.E. Cook, of Crambe, York, and of Mrs P.A. Cook, of Cawood, Selby.

Birthdays today

Lord Devlin, 82; Mr Francis Durbridge, playwright and author, 75; Sir Cosmo Haskard, former governor, Falkland Islands, 71; Professor A.M. Honeyman, linguist, 80; Miss Daisy Hyams, former managing director, Tesco, 75; *Mr Dickie* Jeeps, former rugby player and chairman, Sports Council, 56; Mr Wilhelm Kempff, pianist and composer, 92; Mr Imran Khan, cricketer, 35; Dr Elizabeth Laverick, electrical engineer, 62; Sir Fergus Montgomery, MP, 60; Mr Tony Neary, rugby player, 39; Lord Richardson *of Duntisbourne*, 72; Major-General Sir Peter St Clair-Ford, 82; Mrs Agnes Salter, *national chairman*, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 51; Mr Richard Seifert, architect, 77; *Sir John* Summerson, CH, architectural historian, 83; Lord Tweedsmuir, 76; *Mr* Bernard Weatherill, *MP*, Speaker of the House of Commons, 67; Mr Peter Wright, director, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, 61; Miss Priscilla Young, social worker, 62.

Miss Beryl Cooper, QC, was 60 yesterday, not 63 as stated.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Lord Plumb, President of the European Parliament.

HM Government
Mr Tim Eggar, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth *Affairs, was host at a luncheon* held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Dr *Giuseppe Di Gennaro*, Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse *Control*.

British-Israel Chamber of Commerce
Lord Sieff of Brimpton, President of the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce, was host at the annual business luncheon held yesterday at the King David Suite. Mr Kenneth Marks, chairman, presided and the guest of honour was Mr Shimon Peres, Vice-Premier *and Minister of Foreign Affairs* of Israel.

Thomson Foundation
Mr David Cole, Chairman of the Thomson Foundation, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at *Stationers' Hall* to *mark the twenty-fifth* anniversary of the foundation, which was founded by the late *Lord* Thomson of Fleet. The Chinese Ambassador and Mr Christopher *Patten, Minister* for Overseas Development, also spoke.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Chairman of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons in honour of a Parliamentary delegation from Tunisia led by Mr Rachid Sfar, *President* of the National Assembly.

National House-Building Council
The annual luncheon of the National House-Building Council was held yesterday at the Inn at the Park Hotel. Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the guest of honour and principal speaker. The chairman, Mr Andrew Tait, presided.

Service reception

The Black Watch Association
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of The Black Watch, attended attended a reception given by the London branch of The Black Watch Association at the Duke of York's Headquarters last night. She was received by Major-General A.L. Watson, Colonel of the Regiment, and Lieutenant-Colonel F.J. Burnaby-Atkins, chairman of the branch, who presided at the annual dinner held afterwards.

Latest wills

Dame Leslie Violet Lucy Evelyn Whateley, of *Little Somerford*, Wiltshire, Director of the ATS 1943-46, left estate valued at £4,741 net.

OBITUARY

MR JOHN PARKER

Former Father of the House

Mr John Parker, CBE, a *Labour* MP for nearly half-a-century, and "Father of the House" when he retired in 1983, died yesterday, *aged* 81.

He attained office for only *one brief period*; and as he did not conform to most people's idea of a busy back-bencher – always jumping up to make speeches or ask supplementaries – many even of his colleagues were unaware of his labours in promoting legislation (on Sunday observance, for instance), or on committees, or in forwarding understanding between Britain and countries of Eastern *Europe*.

Herbert John Harvey Parker was born on July 15, 1906, and educated at Marlborough and St John's College, Oxford. During the General Strike, he was active on the university strike committee. After *taking* his degree he did research work under G. D. H. Cole.

In 1933 he became general secretary of the New Fabian Research Bureau, of which Cole was chairman. Parker's long association with the Fabians *emphasized* the fact that his kind of socialism always seemed to belong, in a sense, to the 'thirties. *In* 1980 he became president of the Fabian Society.

He became MP for Romford in 1935. When that *constituency was divided after the* war, he held Dagenham until 1983. He took a vigorous part in the town's life, notably *in* connection *with the* Ford works there.

During the war Parker was Parliamentary private secretary to *Ellen Wilkinson* when she was a Home Office Minister, and so was involved in the social welfare side of the Home Front.

In the Attlee Government of 1945 he became Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Dominions Office. (His PPS was a Parliamentary youngster called James Callaghan.) Attlee dismissed him in the following year because, Parker claimed, the then Prime Minister of South Africa, Smuts, disapproved of his attitude over the South African Protectorates, which Smuts wanted to keep under his control.

But loss of office enabled Parker to exercise influence from the back benches. He served on several Speaker's *Conferences*, and on the Procedure Committee from 1966-73.

Twice he drew an early place in the ballot for Private Members' Bills. On the first occasion he brought in a Sunday *observance* measure, which was defeated but led to the setting up of an inquiry.

His second Bill produced the Legitimacy Act of 1959, the principal effect of which was to legitimize the children *of bigamous marriages* contracted in ignorance by one of the partners, and to legitimize by subsequent *marriage* children conceived or born while one of the partners was still married to someone else.

Under the ten-minute rule he introduced a Bill which, after 18 months' tough negotiation with the Home Office, became law as the Nationality (No 2) Act, 1964. It implemented the UN Convention on Statelessness, protecting certain groups of children from becoming stateless persons.

Another of his unsuccessful measures — designed to "remove the pernicious influence of the over-rich MP" — was a Bill to exclude *Members* whose income exceeded a specified amount.

He was a member of the Arts and Amenities Committee of the Labour Party and *took a special interest in* forestry and ancient buildings.

Parker made frequent journeys abroad. In the Soviet Union he met Stalin. He was chairman of the all-party British-Yugoslav Parliamentary group. (And he edited a series of Yugoslav novels in English).

His other books included *Labour Marches On* (1947) and his memoirs, *Father of the House* (1982). An earlier book, *42 Days in the Soviet Union* (1946), was criticized for putting forward too much of the official Russian line.

He married, in 1943, Zena Mimardiere. They had one son.

MR ARTHUR SUMMERS

Mr Arthur Summers, CBE, *FRAeS, who died on October* 28 at the age of 84, made an outstanding indirect contribution to RAF pilot training through his influence on the *production of several* generations of RAF trainers.

The celebrated aircraft names in postwar RAF basic training, Percival Prentice, *Provost and Jet Provost, all* emerged from the Luton factory of Hunting Aircraft Ltd, whose organization he controlled as its managing director. Summers's strength lay not simply in getting the best out of design and produc*tion teams. His excellent rela*tions with senior Air Force officers meant that in seeing a programme through he was able to be sure at all stages that the aircraft was what the RAF wanted.

Born on March 15, 1903, William Arthur Summers left Oswestry High School at 15 to join the aircraft firm George Parnall, in Bristol, as an apprentice, and worked on the famous Avro 504K trainer. Among other Parnall contracts with which he was involved was one from Captain Edgar Percival for the construction of the first 24 Gull monoplanes, *in* 1931.

In 1935 Percival asked him to become his works *manager*, and in the following year Summers organized the re*moval of the Percival* works and staff from Gravesend to Luton.

From 1940 to 1944 *Summers was with the* Hunting Group, for which he opened up a new factory in North Wales, and when, at the end of this period his old firm, *Percival, was taken over by* Hunting, he became managing director of the combined group.

Immediately after the war, under Summers's direction, this embarked on the production of the famous series of basic trainers which for many years continued to bear the Percival name. Of these, the Jet Provost, last of the Luton-built line, is still in service, not only with the RAF but with a number of overseas air forces.

In the 1950s, the Hunting team, under Summers, was working on a design for a rear-*engined twin-jet airliner*, designated the Hunting 107. At that time Vickers were conceiving a similar project, called the VC-11. When, in 1960, the British Aircraft Corporation was formed the superiority of the Hunting *project was acknowledged* by the Vickers team, and it became the basis for the very successful BAC 1-11 jet airliner. Summers was made director in charge of the Hurn factory which assembled the aircraft, and played a vital part *in building up the production* programme.

He retired as Assistant Managing Director (Aircraft) of BAC in 1966.

A man with a keen sense of humour, Summers always had good relations with people who worked under him, at all levels. In his spare time he enjoyed horse racing, and was a keen amateur golfer and president of his local club at Harpenden.

He leaves a widow, Molly, and two daughters.

MR JAMES E. FOLSOM

Mr James E. Folsom, a larger-than-life character even by the standards of America's Deep South, who tried for over 40 years to bring a new look to the politics of Dixie, *died* on November 21 aged 79.

Twice Governor of Alabama in the days when the poor whites still saw their only hope in keeping down *the* blacks, "Ol' Big Jim" Folsom was regarded at the time as *dangerously liberal* by the state's political establishment – and it was all to easy for them to find sticks to beat him with. He once appeared on television apparently spectacularly drunk. And his other nickname was "Kissin' Jim": he believed in the political value, he said, of "*kissing every baby in* Alabama over 16 years of age."

Behind the hard-drinking country-boy image, however, there was a serious political side that was in advance of its time. He saw that the South was never going to win its way out of *poverty unless it came* to terms with the *modern* world, on racial and other *issues*.

But he lost out to the tougher Governor George Wallace. He made several attempts at a comeback, the last *in* 1982, *when blindness* had been added to his other handicaps.

MISS LILIAN PARKER

Mrs Lilian Talbot (Lilian Parker), who died on Novem*ber 16 at the age of* 90, was a remarkable, albeit unassuming contributor to better relations with Russia.

As chairman, until her *death*, of British *Industrial* Publicity Overseas she published for more than 60 years a range of international trade journals and directories in Arabic, Farsi, Finnish and Turkish, but her great love was the Russian-language ***British Industry and Engineering***, founded in the 1920s.

Publication stopped in 1939, but resumed when Russia entered the war, and copies travelled to Moscow by Arctic convoy. It was widely circulated on the *specific* instructions of Mikoyan, Politburo member responsible for the procurement of war materials.

In 1981 Lilian Parker was appointed an honorary vice-president of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.
St. Matthew 9 : 38

BIRTHS

ACHESON - On November 23rd 1987, to Ann and Robert, a daughter.

BLACK - On November 22nd, 1987, to Gilly (née Norman) and Roger, a daughter, Elizabeth Pullen.

BYRAM - On November 23rd, to Caroline (née Ellis) and Peter, a daughter, Alison Jenny.

CAZALET - On November 21st, in The Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, W2, to Jenny and Julian, a son, Charles.

CROCKER - On November 20th, at St. Lukes, Guildford, to Vanessa (née Smith) and Roger, a daughter, Olivia Frederika.

de NORMANN - On November 7th, to Silke (née Pritchard), wife of Roderick, a daughter, Tatiana Alice.

FARROW - On November 20th, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Vivienne (née Kingsley-Templar) and David, a son, Christopher David.

FRESSON - On November 21st, to Roz and Paul, a son, Robert Gregory.

GILBERT - On November 19th, 1987, to Deborah (née Gibbs) and Colin, a son, Fraser Edward, a brother for Matthew.

GODMAN - On November 13th, to Karen (née Garrish) and John, a daughter.

GOURLAY - On November 16th, to Sara (née Cliff) and Nigel, a son, James Patrick.

JENKINS - On November 20th 1987, to Alexandra (née Lacey) and Howard, a daughter Georgina Rose.

JONES - On November 21st, at West Middlesex University Hospital, to Sarah (née Busby) and Frank, a daughter, Emily May.

KHERAM - On Sunday November 22nd, at Mt Alvernia, to Andrew and Susan (née Aldridge), a son, Harry, a brother for Frederick.

MOORE - On November 8th, 1987, to Susan (née Clayton) and Mario, a daughter, Victoria, a sister for Caroline.

MOUBRAY - On November 20th 1987, to Lucinda (née Maxwell-Hyslop) and Charles, a son, James.

PENDARVES - On November 18th 1987, to Elizabeth (née Dell) and Mark, a son, Freddie Rowland, a brother for Rebecca and George.

ROWLAND - On November 23rd, to Fiona (née Strachwitz Hamilton) and Peter, a son, Jonathan Charles, a brother for Edward.

[illegible]AS - On November 24th 1987, in Buckinghamshire, to Brenda and Robert, a daughter.

SILLS - On November 19th, 1987, to Angela (née Clifton-Brown) and Timothy, a son, James.

SPRIGG - On November 22nd, to Elaine and Graham, a daughter, Sinead.

TURCK - On November 21st, at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to Patricia (née Fawcett) and Walter, a son, Richard Henry.

WALLER-BRIDGE - On November 20th, 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Teresa (née Clerke) and Michael, a son, Jasper Cyprian, a brother for Isobel and Phoebe.

WILLIAMSON - On November 22nd 1987, at The Westminster Hospital, to Judy (née Helsby) and Peter a daughter, Flora Elizabeth a sister to Nicko and Anna.

MARRIAGES

STOKES:GALLIDAY - Richard Charles and Sharon Susan at 3 pm on Friday 20th November 1987, at Southend Registry Office.

DEATHS

BOLTON - On November 22nd, 1987, suddenly at the New Forest Nursing Home in his 70th year, David Colin Rathbone Bolton, formerly of Rossett. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Whiteparish, Wilts., on Monday November 30th at 2.00pm. No letters please, family flowers only but donations if desired, maybe sent to Help the Aged, London, EC1R 0BE.

BRAITHWAITE - On November 22nd 1987, very suddenly at home, at Lochmalony, Major Cecil Geoffrey Braithwaite, Seaforth Highlanders, a much loved father, step-father and step-grandfather. Funeral Service at St James' Church, Saint Catherine's Street, Cupar, on Thursday 26th November at 12 noon. Followed by a private family burial.

BURT - On November 22nd, Major Tom Burt, M.B.E., T.D., late of the Buffs and the 2nd Special Air Service Regiment, peacefully in St Mary's Hospital, Colchester, aged 92. Funeral Service to be held Monday November 30th, 2.30 pm at The Congregational Church, High Street, Wivenhoe, Essex. Flowers to L.W. Kemble Ltd, 61/67 Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Essex by 10 am.

CAMPBELL - On November 22nd, Rodrick M.H. Campbell MBE, peacefully at home. No flowers please, but donations to St. Thomas's Hospital Heart Department. Private family service.

CHARLTON - On November 21st 1987, at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, Gaye, aged 33 years, of Tudor Hall, Pledgdon Green, near Henham, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire. The dearly loved wife of Peter. Service at Grimsby Crematorium, South Humberside, Friday November 27th, at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, but if so desired, donations for Hodgkinsons Disease Research may be sent c/o Professor Hayhoe, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Cheques made payable to University of Cambridge.

CITRON - On November 22nd, peacefully at home after a long illness, Lewis Citron, F.R.C.S., adored husband of Lorna. Service at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, N11 on Monday, 30th November 1987 at 3.00pm. Family flowers only.

DIXON - On November 18th 1987, suddenly at his home, Cyril Willis, formerly Secretary of the Institute of Education, University of London, aged 74. Family funeral.

DOBSON - On November 23rd, at home, Roy, so dearly loved and loving husband of Jean. Funeral Friday November 27th at 1.00pm in Cemetery Chapel, Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Avenue, W5. Flowers by 10.30am to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, W8. 01 937 0757.

DOUGLAS - On November 21st 1987, at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Major Thomas Neil Douglas, Scots Guards (Rtd.) dearly loved husband of Daphne and father of David and Anne. Funeral private.

ELLIS - On November 23rd 1987, at the Countess Mountbatten House, Southampton, following a short illness peacefully in her sleep, Alison Mary, beloved mother of Jenny and sister of Jean and Leslie. Funeral Service at Shedfield Parish Church, Shedfield, Hants, at 11.30am on Friday 27th November. Followed by private cremation at Southampton Crematorium. Enquiries to Pinks Funeral Directors, Bishops Waltham 2640.

FORBES - On November 21st, Mary Doreen, widow of the late Colonel, the Honourable Donald Forbes, DSO, MVO. Much loved mother of Rosaleen and Penelope and grandmother of Alexandra.

FRYER - On November 23rd 1987, peacefully at her home in Comrie, Perthshire, after a long illness very courageously borne, Eileen Mary, sister of Tony and dear aunt of Jane and Richard. Funeral Service at St. Serf's Church, Comrie, at 1.45pm, on Thursday November 26th. Private cremation to follow. Please no flowers, but donations if so wished to Cancer Research, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AR.

GILES - On November 12th 1987, aged 94 years, James George, Project Engineer, British Electricity Board, late of Bournemouth and Weston-Super-Mare.

HARRIS - On November 20th 1987, The Reverend John Sydney Etheridge Harris, aged 74. Sung Eucharist of Requiem at 7pm today, Wednesday November 25th, and Funeral Eucharist at 10.30 am Thursday November 26th, both at St. Botolph's Church, Heene, Worthing. Cremation at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday at 11.30 am. Donations if desired to the Church of England Childrens Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, SE11 4QD. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd, Funeral Directors. Tel 0903 34516.

HEGARTY - On November 22nd, after a short illness, Dr E.M. Hegarty, aged 85 years, of Uttoxeter, and previously of South Croydon. Enquiries to Dennis Ward Funeral Furnishers, Uttoxeter, Staffs. Tel: (08893) 2897

HOOD - On Sunday 22nd November 1987, Mrs Helen Hood, of Woking, Surrey. Widow of Major General Robin Hood (RAMC) and much loved mother of Robin, Gaye, and Joy, peacefully after an illness, in the company of her family. Funeral at 2.00pm on Monday 30th November at Woking Crematorium. St. Johns Flowers to Woking Funeral Services, Goldsworth Rd, Woking or donations to the Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 0NU, if preffered.

ISAAC - On November 21st 1987, peacefully in Poole, Dorset, The Reverend T. Elfed Isaac, B.A., B.D., aged 83 years, formerly Minister of The Tabernacle, Abertillery, Addison Street, Nottingham, Boulevard Congregational Church, Weston-Super-Mare and lately of Richmond Hill Parish in Bournemouth. Beloved father of Peter and grandfather of Gareth, Samantha, Kathleen and Gwynedd. Funeral service on Friday November 27th at 12.45pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers or donations in his memory for Richmond Hill Christian Action Group may be sent to: Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 758 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.

LEGER - On November 21st 1987, in his 91st year, Harold, peacefully with his family, at home. Funeral at St. Nicholas's, Charlwood on Thursday, 26th November at 11.15am, followed by private cremation. No flowers, by request, but donations in lieu to St. Catherine's Hospice, Morthouse Road, Crawley, would be greatly received.

LEIGH-WHITE - On November 24th 1987, peacefully at her home after a long illness bravely borne, Rachel Veronica Rose, of Bantry House and The Butler House, Abakisin. Deeply missed by her devoted family and many friends. Funeral at 2.30pm on Thursday, November 26th at Bantry.

LONG - On November 23rd, peacefully in University College Hospital, Sarah, beloved wife of Peter Baldwin and mother of Julia and Matthew. Cremation private. Memorial Service in London at date to be announced later. Donations, if desired, in her memory to cancer research.

MADAN - On November 19th, peacefully, at St. Andrew's Convent, Hawick, Marjorie, widow of the late Geoffrey Madan, mother of Nicola Campbell. Funeral Service Thursday December 3rd, 12.15 pm, Putney Vale Crematorium.

MAGUINNESS - On November 19th 1987, at home after a very long illness, courageously borne, Olive Dickinson, aged 85, dearly loved widow of Stuart (Liam) and mother of Juliet, former tutor to Women Students in University College London. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Highgate at 11.15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd: family flowers only, donations if desired to RNIB, 224 Gt Portland St, W1. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 01-387 6075.

MAN - On November 21st 1987, after an illness bravely borne, Alison Holberton (Pink) Man. Beloved twin of the late Blue Jones, dearly loved sister-in-law of B.D., aunt and great aunt. Funeral on November 26th at 3.00 pm at All Saints Church, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon. Family flowers only but donations to Sobell House, C/o P. L. Barrett, 81 Ock Street, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 5AG.

MATHER - On November 20th, 1987, at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, Mona, daughter of the late Harold and Ethel Rhodes, wife of Professor Sir Kenneth Mather and mother of Robert. Funeral Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham on November 27th 1987 at 11.30am. Flowers and enquiries to Ambler Brothers, 350 Alcester Road, Birmingham, B13 8LJ. Telephone 021 449 6666.

MIDWOOD - On November 22nd 1987, at Burrs Wood, Groom Bridge, Doris Margaret (née Gossage) in her 92nd year, widow of Dennis Norris and mother of Colin, Brian, and Elise Renshaw. Cremation private. Thanksgiving services at Burrs Wood on Friday 27th November at 11.45am and at St. Mary's Nether Alderley on Wednesday December 9th at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations welcome by NSPCC at 67, Saffron Hill, London EC1N 8RS.

MULVANEY - On November 22nd, 1987, at the age of 49, after a very long illness, at Schull Hospital, West Cork, Monica, beloved wife of Pat, mother of Sean and Liam, mother-in-law of Joanne, grandmother of Poppy, only daughter of Mimi and the late Jim Hempstead and grand daughter of Millie. Sadly missed by all her relatives and friends. Funeral on Wednesday at 3 pm, the Altar Church, Toormore, West Cork, Ireland.

NIGHTINGALE - On November 22nd, unexpectedly, but peacefully, in London, Jeremy Roger Anthony John, only son of Sir Geoffrey and Lady Nightingale, of Brentwood, Essex. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

OUVRY - On November 23rd, peacefully at home, Norman Delamain, in his 80th year. Cremation at Mortlake on Thursday December 3rd at 11.00am. Donations in place of flowers to the French Hospital, Rochester, Kent

OWEN-JOHN - On November 23rd, Elizabeth Henrietta, greatly loved wife of Leonard, and mother of Julia and Henry, after a long illness most bravely borne. Funeral at St. Nicholas Church, Churchstoke, on Friday November 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers. Donations if wished to Ward 21 Trust Fund, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

PARKER - On November 20th 1987, John Frederick, Fellow of The Institute of Trade Mark Agents. Loved and missed by so many. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium Friday November 27th 1987 at 10am. Request no flowers, if desired, donations to Cancer Research.

PATCH - On November 18th, in the early hours, peacefully at home in Marbella, Spain, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hubert Leonard Patch K.C.B., C.B.E. Letters of condolence c/o Air Commander RAF Gibraltar, BFPO 52. Funeral to be held in Gibraltar.

ROBINSON - On November 22nd 1987, suddenly after a long illness, Norman, BSc., F.R.I.C., of Worcester Park, Surrey, lately senior technologist at Texaco. Funeral 11am, Monday November 30th at St James Church, Bodley Road, New Malden, followed by interment at Kingston Cemetery. All floral tributes and enquiries please, Fredk. W. Paine, 28/30 Central Road, Worcester Park, Tel 01 337 1042.

ROWE - On November 22nd, suddenly, Martin, aged 55 years, dearly loved and tragically missed father to Simon and Philippa, grandpa to Melanie, Debbie and Nichola, stepfather to Stephen, Peter, Sarah, Rachel and Clare. Funeral Service on Monday 30th November at 12.00 noon at St. Mary's Church, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, SW19, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.00pm. All enquires and flowers to the Ashton Funeral Service, 140 Alexandra Road, Wimbledon, SW19, Tel: 01-946 1051. Donations, if desired, to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association or the Salvation Army.

TALBOT - On November 22nd, peacefully following a long illness faced with great courage, Jane A. (née Hoare), dearly beloved mother of Alexander and Jeremy. Funeral services at All Saints Church, Grayswood, Haslemere, Surrey. On Thursday November 26th at 2.00pm. Family Flowers only but donations if desired The Imperial Cancer Reseach Fund, P.O. Box 123, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX.

TURNBULL - On November 20th, peacefully in hospital, Philip Peverll of Rock, North Cornwall, aged 67. Dearly loved husband of June, father of John and Steven, and grandfather of Michael and Matthew. Private family funeral to be held in London on November 27th. Please, no flowers or letters. Donations to his memory could be sent to The Cornwall Gastro-Intestinal Unit Appeal, c/o, Dr. Richard Machell, Treliske Hospital, Turo, Cornwall.

WADE - On November 23rd 1987, Margaret Elizabeth (Margie) of West View, Ilkley. Dear wife of Roland, and mother of Rydal and Malcolm. Funeral private, donations if desired to: Help The Aged, Drought Appeal, Freepost, London, E18 1BD.

WOODHOUSE - On Monday November 23rd 1987, peacefully at her home near Winchester, Monica Mary Woodhouse OBE, Editor in chief of Hampshire Chronicle group of Newspapers. Funeral private.

WELSH - On November 23rd 1987, suddenly in Scotland, David, Brigadier R.A. (retd), aged 79 years. Service in Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh on Friday November 27th at 2.30pm. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Injured Jockeys' Fund, PO Box 9, Newmarket, Suffolk.

WORSLEY-WHITE - On November 19th, at The London Chest Hospital, Robert Godfrey, of St. Benedicts, Truro School, Truro. Dear father of Leslie, Christopher and Liz. Funeral Service at Truro School Chapel on Thursday, November 26th at 3.00pm followed by cremation at Penmount.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BANHAM - Ronnie. A Memorial Service will be held at 12 noon, St. Mary's, Woolnoth, Lombard Street, City on Wednesday December 2nd 1987.

RICHES - A Service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Eric Riches M.C., M.S., F.R.C.S., will be held at St. Marylebone Parish Church at 12 noon on Wednesday December 9th.

THORNTON - The Memorial Service for Miss Grace Thornton, C.B.E., M.V.O., M.A., PhD, Honorary Fellow of Newnham College will take place in Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge on Saturday December 5th at 2.30pm, followed by tea in Newnham. All enquiries to: The Principal's Secretary, Newnham College, Cambridge.

WEBBER - A Requiem Mass for Mr A. F. Webber will take place, 2.30pm at Little St Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, November 28th, 1987.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

DRAKE - Nick. Remembered always with love.

DRAKE - Nick, this year I came to visit you after such a long time, and I felt at peace again. I will always miss you, I will always remember.

MULLER - John November 25th, 1972. A much loved father and grandfather "Primus Inter Pares". David, Margaret, Joanna, Sarah and Dugal.

Science report

Babies 'use a common prattle vocabulary'

By Andrew Wiseman

Babies throughout the world, irrespective of race and environment, produce identical sounds for the first year of their lives. They have a common "prattle vocabulary" until they reach their first birthday, when they begin to concentrate on what they hear around them.

These conclusions have been reached by Professor Willem J. M. Levelt, director of the Max-Planck Institute of Psycho-Linguistics, and are based on experiments carried out in recent years in conjunction with Nijmegen University.

In one of them he compared recordings of sounds made by a seven-month-old Swiss-German child and a Dutch baby of the same age. To his surprise, both produced "ge-ge-ge", although this consonant-vowel combination did not exist in the Dutch language.

Other tests showed that a baby's first cry was always an elongated "ae". It needed another six to seven months before infants articulated more intensively and regularly. At 15 months they could enunciate the all-important consonants of d, t, g, k, b, p, within the very short span of 20 seconds.

At 12 months babies started to concentrate on sounds specific to the language of the country they lived in, or the people who surrounded them. From then onwards other sounds gradually disappeared from their repertoire and could only be re-acquired with great difficulty.

Studying the speech processes of European adults of average education and a pool of about 30,000 words, Professor Levelt confirmed that they were able to retrieve an utter two to three words a second, up to a maximum of seven.

Experiments aimed at establishing how quickly we identified a spoken word, led Professor Levelt to the development of the so-called "cohort theory", where a word is recognized as soon as it is distinguished from all others.

He found that initial sections of the word activated all words beginning with the same sounds in the listener's mental dictionary. As more syllables were heard, the cohort of resembling words began to shrink, until all possibilities — apart from the correct word — were eliminated.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lope de Vega, Madrid, 1562; Andrew Carnegie, industrialist and philanthropist, Dunfermline, 1835; Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII 1958-63, Sotto il Monte, 1881.

DEATHS: Edward Alleyn, actor-manager and founder of Dulwich College, London 1626; Sir Francis Chantrey, sculptor, London, 1841; Sir Augustus Callcott, landscape painter, London, 1844; Lilian Baylis, founder of the Old Vic, London, 1937; Dame Myra Hess, pianist, London, 1965; Upton Sinclair, novelist, Bound Brook, New Jersey, 1968; Yukio Mishima, writer, Tokyo, 1970.

Service dinner

Exercise Purple Warrior

A reception and a dinner were held at Culzean Castle, Ayr, on November 18, to thank those landowners, farmers, and those who had given help and advice throughout the planning stages of Exercise Purple Warrior. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, GOC South East District, presided.

Dinner

National Liberal Club

Sir Jeremy Morse was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Political and Economic Circle of the National Liberal Club held last night at the club.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BV 1649/84/JAB BEDNORZ, ELIZABETH BEDNORZ, Spinster late of Homelands, 136 Church Road, Anerley, London SE19 died at Croydon, Surrey, on 23rd March 1984.
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Crucial issues

The issue of police brutality towards blacks was raised in two programmes last night. In one a black man stood outside a police station and gave some advice for those forcibly invited inside on "how to keep your head while all around are getting theirs kicked in". This of course was a joke, the latest "Guide to Cruciality" from *The Lenny Henry Show* (BBC1) and that endearingly egomaniac Brixton pirate DJ of incredible street credibility, Delbert Wilkins – played with customary energy and accuracy by Henry himself. This week, Wilkins's continuing comic-book conflict with the police was played out on the cricket field. When dealing with such social tensions, disarming humour is much better than inciting hatred but, as the series shows, it risks a cosiness which sometimes anodynely wishes away problems rather than confronts them.

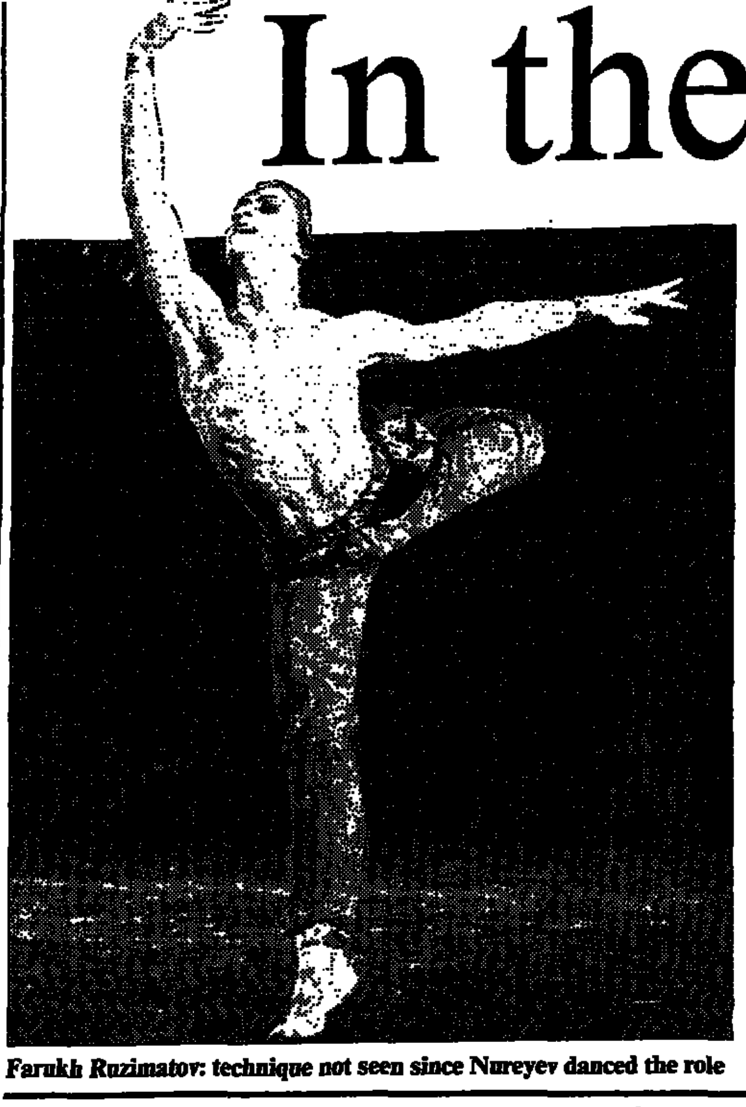
There was no wishing away brutality for the black man whose murder by the South African police was recounted again in *Cry Freedom: the Inside Story* (BBC1). This was not the inside story of the death of Steve Biko so much as the inside story of Sir Richard Attenborough's latest film which, as everyone must know by now, combines the story of Biko with that of a newspaper editor, Donald Woods. Mercifully, we did not really get inside the inside story, into the endless wrangles and complicated deals that go into the making of any picture, but were given a promotional film with location reports.

This sought both to confirm the moral seriousness of the enterprise with documentary background yet trivialized it because the set of any film, however worthy, is full of comic absurdities. Centre stage, of course, was Attenborough himself. Somehow he always manages both to invite ridicule and admiration, the self-parody of his manner (a Huck-Finn hat topped those glasses and sideburns), complementing his courage and conviction. If he met the Devil, you know Dickie would call him "darling", perhaps even sup with him, but give him a piece of his mind – and be criticized for selling out to both God and mammon.

Andrew Hislop

In the steps of Nureyev

John Percival sees a new star emerge as the Kirov Ballet performs in Paris



Farukh Ruzimatov: technique not seen since Nureyev danced the role

During the past 25 years, one short sequence from the once famous old ballet *The Corsair* has become known around the world as a showpiece of classical virtuosity, but few of us can have expected to see the entire ballet. Now the complete work has burst upon the West, opening a long Paris season by the Kirov Ballet from Leningrad.

The company arrives as the best and last of four troupes invited to the annual Paris international dance festival, which celebrates its 25th birthday this year. The festival's usual home is the Théâtre Des Champs-Elysées, which has just re-opened after a splendid renovation of its original 1913 designs.

That is where the other companies appeared: Ballet Théâtre Français from Nancy, relying heavily on guest stars in a Lifar programme; London Festival Ballet; and the Royal Danish Ballet, whose production of *La Sylphide* had one of the stodgiest performances I can remember.

The Palais des Congrès, where the Kirov is playing, is a less attractive hall, but its big auditorium permits a top price of only 300frs (equal to ordinary ballet nights at the Paris Opera or Covent Garden), while the wide stage does justice to a spectacular production.

The Corsair began life in Paris in 1856, quickly became an international hit but survived only in Russia. Over the years it has acquired innumerable new libretti, musical interpolations and choreographic interpretations. This latest, premiered in Leningrad only six months ago, is staged by the veteran ballet master Piotr Gusev.

The ballet owes its title, the names of four of its characters, but not much more to a poem by Byron. The hero, Conrad, is a bad bold pirate with a heart of gold. The action mainly concerns his rescue of a Greek girl, Medora, from the clutches of a slave dealer, Lankedem. Thanks to a potion which, sprinkled upon flowers, knocks out anyone rash enough to smell them, Lankedem gets a second attempt, but with the same outcome.

This is thin for a three act ballet, but that hardly matters because the confrontations, disguisings and battles maintain enough animation between the set dances which are the chief attraction. Besides, to reinforce the theatrical impact there are some big spectacular effects.

One can hardly complain that some key episodes are treated with a slight hint of tongues in cheeks, especially the episode with the poisoned flowers and the late arrival of pirates disguised as pilgrims to gain admission to Seyd Pasha's palace and save Medora. There is sincerity enough in the playing whenever it is needed.

As for the dancing, the well-known *pas de deux* turns out in this context to be a *pas de trois*, with the male role supplemented and shared between Conrad and his faithful servant, Ali. This role introduces the 24-year-old Farukh Ruzimatov who, in his first season in western Europe, has at once established himself as the Kirov's new male star.

He comes from Tashkent in Soviet Asia, and has a voluptuousness, a sense of drama and a technique not seen since Nureyev, who introduced it to the West when he too was 24.

However, having seen three performances with an assortment of different dancers in various roles, I can safely say that the ballet is enjoyable whichever cast you catch. Ruzimatov's role is not the lead (he will have much bigger parts during the season) and his alternate in it, Alexander Lunev, is another young man of notable quality.

Conrad, his treacherous friend Birbanto and the comically sinister Lankedem are all well played, but apart from Ruzimatov it is the women who dazzle most in this ballet. I have not yet seen Olga Chenchikova's Medora, but judging by previous seasons deserves the praise she has received.

The exotic (but in this role curiously cool) Altynai Assylmuratova is the general favourite; I enjoyed more the beautifully assured, warm and open performance of Tatiana Terekhova, and also the marvellous freshness, brilliantly secure technique and vivid, clear, wholehearted acting of the tall, very young, Yulia Makhalina.

And when shall we see all this in London? Not soon, I fear. The Kirov ballet is in Paris until January 10 with seven programmes; performances Tuesday to Sunday. *The Corsair* is scheduled again for Christmas week.

JAZZ

Paris in the swing

Paris Reunion Band

Ronnie Scott's

Frith Street has a Gallic air this week, from the background music between sets to the posters on the walls.

The special decor provides an appropriate setting for the Paris Reunion Band, a group of eight American stars who at one time or another were all based in France. Formed in 1985, the band was originally planned as a special touring unit under the aegis of the late Kenny Clarke, the legendary drummer who settled in Paris in 1956 and became the unofficial leader of its jazz community.

Over the years the personnel have undergone several changes, with players of the calibre of Johnny Griffin and Slide Hampton passing through. At the moment the group boasts perhaps its strongest-ever front line with Nat Adderley and Woody Shaw on trumpet, Nathan Davis and Joe Henderson on saxophone, alongside the trombonist Curtis Fuller.

There was an exhilarating air of disorganization on their opening night, mainly due to a shortage of rehearsal time. But watching such accomplished musicians groping their way towards a cohesive sound can be more interesting than seeing a well-drilled machine go through the motions.

On most of the numbers, such as Davis's "Hot Licks" and the opening Clarke theme, the emphasis was on hard blowing rather than intricate orchestration. The most ambitious voicings were reserved for the new arrangements of "The Old Country".

The performance came to the boil with a blues composed by the bassist Jimmy Woode. His complex introductory solo prefaced some effortless, timeless choruses, underpinned by Kenny Drew's piano. Idris Muhammad, normally a fiery drummer, was unobtrusive yet incisive – in other words, pure Kenny Clarke.

Clive Davis

CONCERTS

Phobias, taboos, dreams

ECO/Tate

Elizabeth Hall

Within the uneasy dream atmosphere of the 1958 song-cycle *Nocturne* lies the source of many of Britten's preoccupations in the 1960s. The *Nocturne* is, in fact, the sort of dream that psychiatrists dream about – full of the oblique imagery of repressed phobias and death-wishes.

There is Coleridge's "lovely boy", vulnerable when he strays away from mother; the vision of mob violence and of state genocide; and the portrait of the kraken, Tennyson's repulsive beast of the deepest ocean (or of our deepest subconscious) that will one day rise to the surface, terrifying "men and angels". What is remarkable is that Britten (inspired perhaps by Jung, whose writings first appeared in English in the 1950s) explored taboo territories without stepping outside the popular canon of English poets. Moreover, his musical idiom here is a Berg-like web of covert meaning.

Robert Tear's performance, with the English Chamber Orchestra under Jeffrey Tate, was not always glorious in timbre, but it was masterly in its restraint and intelligence. He relished, as all tenors do, getting his teeth into the "wonderous grots" and "enormous polypi" of *The kraken*, but displayed more subtle skills too: a steely *sprechstimme* for Wordsworth's evocation of the September Massacres; a summoning of big tone for the Mahlerian setting of the Shakespeare sonnet, where the ECO also crowned a spotless display of chamber-orchestra craft.

Earlier the fetchingly costumed Nigel Kennedy had given a delightful performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. Not everything came off, for Kennedy is not a technical *perfectionist* (there are quite enough of those around). He offers something more precious: risk, genuine sensibility and passion. The concerto was partnered by Mendelssohn's orchestration of the Scherzo from his Octet – an enjoyable rarity, once the ear becomes accustomed to those alien bassoons and clarinets chortling away.

Richard Morrison

THEATRE

A wife with no life

A Month In The Country

Richmond Theatre

For the garden scenes in this Cambridge Theatre Company production of Turgenev's romantic tragi-comedy, Poppy Mitchell's design includes lofty slabs of pale green topiary, probably made of that spongey stuff people stick flowers into.

Look at the slabs attentively, however and they are evidently wafer-thin, an obvious advantage for a touring company.

With another eye-catching feature of this production present in all the scenes, namely Celia Imrie's central performance as Natalya, two-dimensionality is just as obviously a severe handicap.

Here is a woman of psychological complexity, the bored wife of a country landowner, with a tamed admirer on hand to read her *Monte Cristo*, who suddenly finds herself overwhelmed with love for her *small son's handsome young* tutor.

Even when she grasps what is happening to her, she admits and denies it in alternate sentences, flustered by an unacknowledgeable love and a jealousy of her young ward that she cannot acknowledge either.

Yet Miss Imrie seldom lets her voice escape the narrow range she imposes on it in the very first scene. Quick to interrupt, unconvincingly swift to pronounce thoughts that should really knock her sideways, she lets the words come rattling out, remarking on the tremors of her heart with the same show of enthusiasm she displays for the quality of the raspberries.

Bill Pryde's direction allows her to give an *interpretation that bounces along the surface*, so that at crucial confrontations the other performers can engage with their own changing emotions but not with hers.

Richard Heffer's Rakitin presents the pain behind the old admirer's languor; Gerard Logan is a conspicuously handsome tutor, touchingly confused by the gentry's passion for him. Maggie O'Neill matures from wardship to womanhood with fine vehemence, and there is a truthful, confident performance by Daniel Mason as the eager boy. But lacking a eloquent Natalya the occasion is like a month without a Sunday.

Jeremy Kingston

Celia Imrie as Natalya with Richard Heffer as Rakitin

Salzburg Mozarteum/Graf

Barbican

The Barbican, it seems, is becoming a more and more inhospitable place for audiences. Bland cafeteria food, a dearth of properly functioning lavatories and, worst, a stifling heat all contributed to the comfort of the paying customer on Sunday. One hopes that the backstage management takes better care of visiting artists, but perhaps it does not, for the playing in the first half of the Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra's all-Mozart programme had a decidedly depressed aura about it.

All the same, many good musical qualities were on show. The strings make a sophisticatedly lush sound, while the woodwind are just as highly polished (there are no concessions here to period style playing). And although the Paris Symphony did lack that vital element of daring cut and thrust it was rhythmically well-pointed, and in all other respects — of speeds, ensemble, intonation — perfectly, if only, acceptable.

One had to wait until after the interval for the orchestra to show signs of spontaneous imagination, and they came in a work that many lesser assemblies might have been tempted to take for granted, namely the G minor Symphony, No 40.

Here the conductor, Hans Graf, instilled in his musicians a real hunger for the drama of the piece. The Andante, in particular, was finely shaped and, helped by some delectable woodwind playing (this was the more commonly heard version, with clarinets), took on a momentum rarely encountered in any performance.

Between the symphonies, the pianist Steven de Groote's performance of the C minor Piano Concerto, K491, was accomplished, well detailed and confident. Despite a beautifully pure slow movement, however, the problem was simply that he did not make the music sound new enough. Performance, surely, is all about doing that.

S.P.

Poetry on the piano

LONDON DEBUTS

An impressive new pianist was Balázs Szokolay, son of the eminent Hungarian composer Sándor Szokolay. He has a brilliant track-record of continental awards, and at 26 commands a virtuoso technique of imposing consistency, marred only by a curious reluctance to finish a phrase cleanly and without pedal distortion.

He was much at home in Bartók, whose two *Elegies* were played with requisite sense of structure and resource that belie their poetic title.

Another accomplished exponent of Bartók was the violinist Ani Schnarch, Romanian-born and now living in Britain, encompassing the wide emotional and technical scope of the Sonata No 1. She was ably partnered by Piers Lane.

Alvin Moisey was a piston-packing pianist in *Deux Etudes de sonorité* by the Canadian François Morel, and had a splendid command of keyboard timbre for the suite from Stravinsky's *Petrushka*.

Amelia Young was a cellist of no mean potential in the sustained romantic ardour of Franck's Sonata. Richard Greenwood at the piano was also an assured partner for the more varied character of Debussy's Sonata.

Miguel Garau and Fernando Millet, an Argentinian duo now based in France, are persuasive advocates of the kind of relaxed guitar partnership that seldom raised the emotional temperature. The aptly-titled *Les Deux Amis* from the guitar duets of Fernando Sor was played with polished style and verve.

Noel Goodwin

Brilliant young Japanese pianists might come two a penny, but few of them come quite as young, brilliant and sensitive as Mari Kodama, who is still only 20. In her recital she was able to explore deep beneath the surface of Chopin's B flat minor Piano Sonata; and though there were eccentricities, like her tendency to accent certain notes in the finale as though they marked the outline of a theme, her interpretation was obviously the result of due consideration rather than a desire to arrest attention through controversy. Throughout the evening she showed fine technical control and a wide spread of tonal inflexion, both of which contributed to a poetic reading of Ravel's *Gaspard de la Nuit*, cool headed yet intense.

By contrast Patrick O'Byrne, a pianist who was born in Dublin but has lived since childhood in New Zealand, seemed weighed down by the occasion in his recital. He began with Douglas Lilburn's Chaconne, 31 rather laboured variations which demanded a more positive approach than O'Byrne gave them. Then came Ravel's *Miroirs*, sadly colourless and static, and finally a performance of Schumann's *Davidsbundlertänze* in which O'Byrne seemed unable to distinguish the characters of Florestan and Eusebius from each other.

The cellist Jane Goodwin and the pianist Paul Turner began their recital with Beethoven's Cello Sonata Op 102 No 1, and at once it was obvious, despite Goodwin's confident though slightly uncomfortable-looking technique and pleasant sound, that something was missing in sheer dramatic weight. Neither player yet possesses quite enough force of personality to be able to turn the interminable and uninspired finale of Grieg's Sonata into something compelling, either, while it was surely an error of judgment of Turner's to play with the lid of the piano closed. He sounded far too reticent throughout. Evidence of Goodwin's promise (she is still only 21) came, however, with her mature reading of Britten's Third Suite, where at last she seemed in direct touch with what lies so eloquently beneath the notes.

Stephen Pettitt

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Schooled for success?

A revolution in state schools will come too late for the increasing numbers of families who have already voted with their feet and switched to private education. But is the move paying off? **Sarah Drummond** met some pioneers

ADAPTING TO DORMITORY LIFE

William Rye is a thoughtful, original and articulate 16-year-old. He has an older brother and sister, and all three went to Swavesey Village College, a comprehensive with 800 pupils, two miles from their home near Cambridge. William's father went to a public school, and his mother (who was mainly privately educated) until recently taught at the school her children attended.

There is no sixth form at Swavesey: William's brother took A levels at a local sixth form college, and his sister went on to Bedales, which she enjoyed enormously. But William's main reason for wanting to go to Bedales is the school's emphasis on drama. The family know Bedales because William's uncle teaches English there. William got nine O levels, with four A grades. English, history and geography are his A level subjects.

William's first impressions still strike him deeply. "It's insular," he says, "both the place and the people. I suppose it's because people live here — and for the first week I had not a clue what was going on in the outside world."

He was not apprehensive about boarding, but nonetheless, "it was a wrench to be away from home — and I got depressed occasionally". (He says he did at half term at home, too, and puts it down to adolescence.)

"I spent the first week finding my feet, finding my way around — and it was definitely difficult to adjust and quite unpleasant . . . it was a culture shock."

Bedales is renowned as a school that puts much emphasis on friendships, and some past pupils have described its atmosphere as "very cliquey". Certainly William experienced a disquieting uncertainty as to whether or not he had been accepted. "But I think it's OK now." He admits — somewhat diffidently — that he is beginning to enjoy himself.

He describes the teaching quality as very high. "Possibly because they can afford well qualified teachers — not that this necessarily means they can teach," he adds. He likes the Bedales habit of calling staff by their Christian names, and is glad to have dropped the wide syllabus.

He doesn't mind dormitory life, "though it's impossible to read — I read two books by David Lodge at half term, and I have started one since — and if you're feeling low someone will make you laugh". Sometimes William goes to work in the library. "The library is probably the school's best asset," he says approvingly.

Drama is proving as interesting as he had hoped. "It's a very good standard — and there's lots of it." They are currently rehearsing *The Mad Woman of Chaillot* by Giraudoux and he declares he is pleased with his part and that rehearsals "are quite intense".

Considering that Bedales is a famously progressive school, the discipline and rules to an erstwhile day boy appear irksome and sometimes unnecessary. "But they're not too dreadful: if you live in there have to be rules." Fairly recently the school became more sports oriented, and William is not a sportsman. "I'm very definitely an exception."

At half term he saw some of his old school friends — and heard that many of them were hating college and beginning to drop out, missing classes. This seems to reinforce his realization of his own sense of enjoyment. "And work has got better since half term," he says. "Perhaps I'm adapting: I'm not so behind."

Julian Herbert

Leaning towards learning: Karen (left) and Liza Boyle, 16-year-old twins, in the library of their new school

Karen and Liza Boyle live in a pin-neat house in the leafy suburb of Hampton. The family is Irish and Catholic, and the 16-year-old twins have been strictly brought up and treated as "individuals with something interesting to say" according to their father, Olaf.

He runs a company making artificial limbs and drives to Egham every day; his wife, who used to be a medical secretary, now works as his part-time secretary, but is always home to welcome the girls back from school.

Karen and Liza describe themselves as swots but they belie the image: they are vivacious and talkative; they laugh a lot, and refer to each other over most matters. They have always been hard workers: "I've never pushed them", their mother, Frances, says. "I have to say 'Stop, that's enough now'."

Karen and Liza went to Gumley House Convent School for Girls at Isleworth, where each got nine O levels. They left, partly because of disruption caused by the teachers' strikes, and partly because uncertainty hung over the future of the school's sixth form. Also, their parents had become disenchanted with the comprehensive system. "I don't agree with pupils all working at their own pace," Boyle says.

CONCENTRATION AND CONFIDENCE

The family liked Lady Eleanor Holles, a very well thought of girls private school. Karen wants to be a vet (and needs three A level sciences, with two grade As and one B); Liza wants to go into paediatrics (for further studies she needs three Bs — in mathematics, biology and chemistry). Both love the new school. "It's such a good atmosphere, and we like the tutor group basis — we're in groups of 15 or so," Liza says. They say the other girls are extremely friendly, and the impression of caring staff is strong.

Karen says: "The teachers are very willing and interested in the pupils — if you say something to one, it goes around, and you find the other staff know — you get the feeling they really are interested." All this comes as a novelty. "Of course there are far more staff here . . . in the sixth form, we're treated as adults." At their old school there were often 36 in a class. Now, working in small groups, they say they can concentrate far better.

They find their school life far more structured and disciplined than before. "Discipline and standards had dropped a lot at Gumley," says their mother regretfully. Sports were good, "but now there is far more choice — and girls who do sports are much more committed."

The Boyles are also appreciative of the options — languages, typing, swimming, and feel their education is broadening out. "There are discussions on current affairs, drugs, medicine, how to fill in UCCA forms — I don't think we would have got all that at our last school."

The noise and the giggling in the library at Gumley had made working there difficult. "At LEH there's total silence in the library," Liza says. "And there's an excellent sixth form library, with all the books you could want for A levels."

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Waving the star spangled banner

The Daughters of the American Revolution have been talking turkey in London

Every Thanksgiving, the Daughters of the American Revolution gather at the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square, London, for talk, tradition and turkey. This month the Daughters (motto: God, Home and Country) had an extra reason for meeting. They are already making preparations for the society's centenary in 1990. And members of the DAR's London chapter met for a sneak preview of *Portrait of a Daughter*, a misty-eyed view of the society's contribution to history and the lot of the huddled masses.

Opening with the glint of sunlight on muskets, the movie romped through a couple of hundred years in about half an hour. Daughters were seen at work rescuing children from "broken home situations" and dishing out flags and citizenship manuals to new Americans.

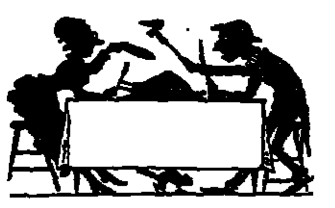
The last real "Daughter of the Revolution", Annie Knight Gregory, whose father was a drummer boy with Washington at Valley Forge, died more than 40 years ago. Latter-day Daughters, who have to be descended from someone who helped on the "right" side in the revolution, tend to be fiercely patriotic WASPs. They are also generally rather more elderly than their Daughter status might imply.

Among those gathered for the preview was Nancy Gough, a Colonial Dame as well as a Daughter. Like the Daughters, Colonial Dames expend most of their energies on a mixture of culture and good works. In London, their main project is the restoration of the Benjamin Franklin house near Charing Cross. But they score over daughters in historical prestige.

"I had an ancestor who was a Puritan minister, but to be a Colonial Dame, you have to have someone who was in public service before the revolution," Mrs Gough says. "I had to dig deep, but eventually I found an ancestor who came from Bishop's Stortford, and was a member of the State Legislature in Connecticut."

Hereditary societies abound in the US, from the Mayflower Descendants to the Daughters of the Barons of Runnymede. The DAR and the Colonial Dames are simply two manifestations of a flourishing national obsession. Nancy Reagan is a Daughter. So, too, is the astronaut Margaret Rhea Seddon, who took a DAR banner into space on the Discovery. But most of the 209,000-plus members are ordinary home-loving women who belong simply because their mothers did.

The Daughters, whose declared aims are historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavour, are officially non-political. But every April, on the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, chapter representatives meet at the DAR headquarters in Washington to discuss issues of the day. This year, delegates had a three-hour debate on Aids.



"People are generally more interested in visiting the ancestral home of George Washington, or seeing where the Mayflower sailed from," Mrs Gough says. "They're not really interested in the political things."

A friend standing nearby chipped in, unintentionally proving the point. "Lord Hailsham spoke at our President's Day Dinner — he's Labour, isn't he?"

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Thief relief

Allan Drake, a crime prevention officer and author of the comprehensive *Personal Security Handbook* (Sphere £9.95), believes that alarms are the most effective deterrent to burglars. Window locks come a close second. Women, he has observed, "are particularly prone to long-term distress after their home's been ransacked. It makes many instantly want to move home". To avoid such upset and unheaval, the book includes detailed instructions and diagrams to help prevent break-ins, car thefts, mugging.

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"I would like to speak French and Italian fluently. I would like to sing opera, but that's not going to happen. I would like to run for political office, but I don't think that's probable either. My husband [Paul Newman] says that when I'm on my deathbed I'll be saying, 'Wait! I'm not finished'!"

Joanne Woodward

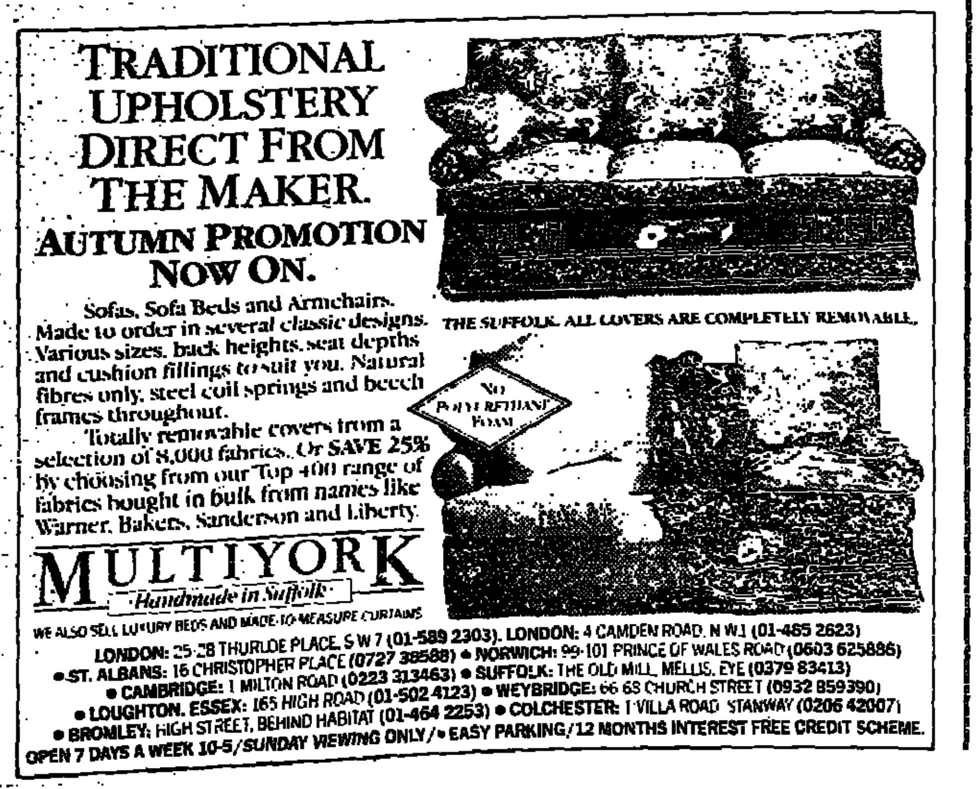
Potato posy

Why say it with boring old flowers or chocolates when you can say it with . . . potatoes? The new, post-dinner party gourmet thank-you gift trend sweeping foodie America (a nation so obsessed with obscure provender that one New York delicatessen sells no less than four different kinds of edible fern) is to dial-a-spud, which will dispatch — for $24.95 (or just over £14) a box of 16 hand-buffed and boxed "designer potatoes" to your friend or hostess. Recipients can tuck into a selection of Bintjes (slightly sweet), All-blues and Ruby Crescents, an idea dug up in — naturally — Idaho . . .

French fancy

The award for Britain's most fervent francophile must surely go to Storehouse supremo Sir Terence Conran, whose long love affair with French food, design and presentation reaches a climax this weekend when his flagship Michelin building throws open its iron gates to the public. Those unable to visit this temple of consumerism, however, will glean an insight into the joys in store from *Terence Conran's France* (Conran Octopus, £17.95), a feast for the eye, focusing on life in cities, villages, homes and shops, assembled with the seemingly effortless style which originally enraptured Conran.

Josephine Fairley



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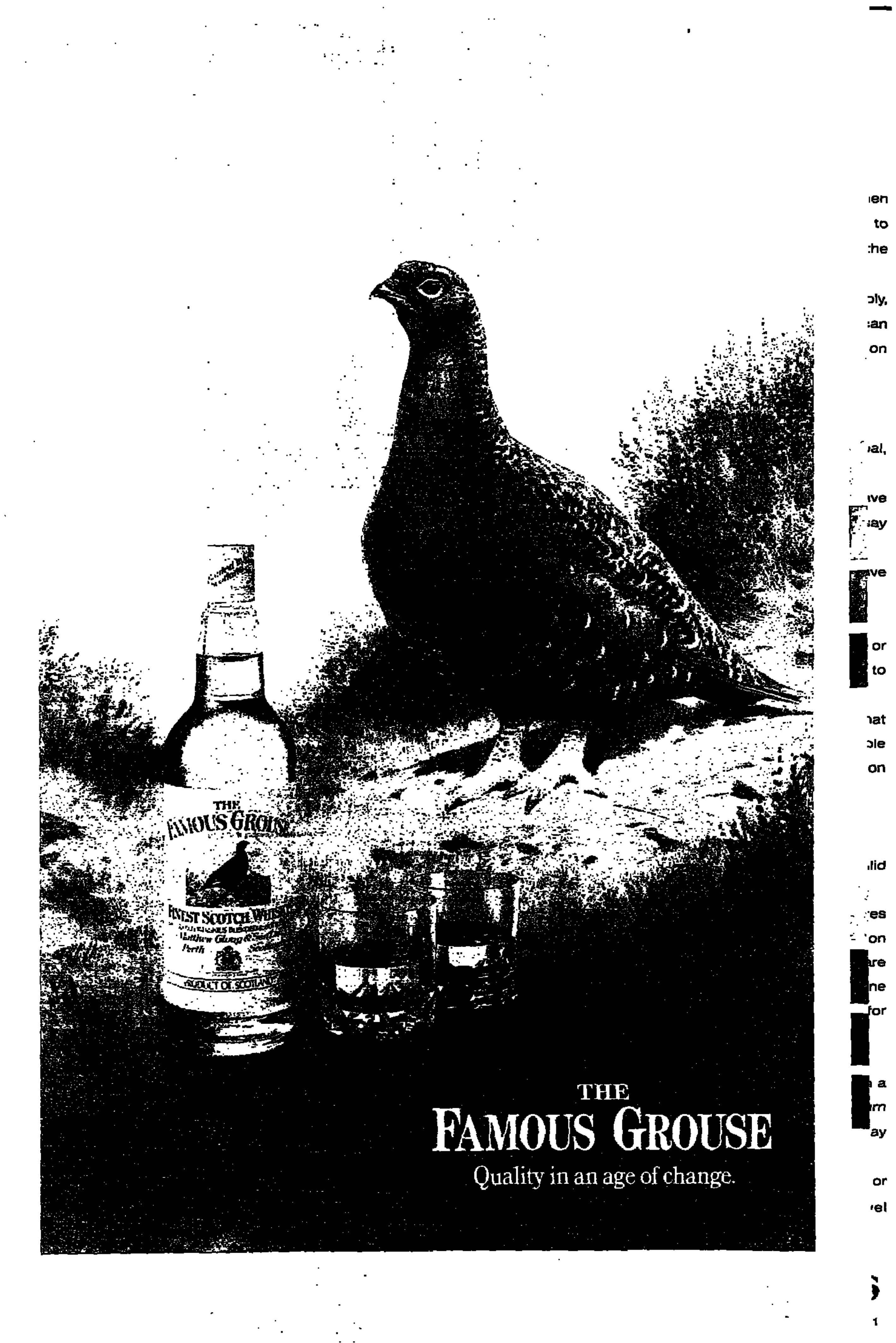

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★ BACK WITH A VENGEANCE: Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660) Tube Charing Cross Mon-Fri 7 30-10 30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2 30-5.30pm, £6 50-£17 50

☆ CROWNED WITH FIRE: Winning performance by James Goode as the young black composer Coleridge Taylor finding his way in Edwardian England.
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (01-223 2223). Station: Clapham Junction. Opens tonight 7.30-9.30pm, then 8-10pm, £3-£4.50, *until* Sun. (D)

☆ *DREAMS OF SAN FRANSISCO:* Five-woman play by Jacqueline Holborough, set to confirm the high promise of last year's *Garden Girls*.
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Previews until Sun 8-10pm, opens Mon 7-9pm. Then Tues-Sun 8-10pm, £5.

☆ FAUSTUS: Actors Touring Company bring their highly charged adaptation of Marlowe into London for three weeks.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8pm, £5. (D)

★ LETTICE AND LOVAGE: Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667) Tube Piccadilly Circus Mon-Sat, 7 45-10 15pm mats Sat 3-5.30pm, £7 50-£14.50. (D)

☆ PETER PAN: Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and *Lulu flying us off to Never-Never-Land.*
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm, £6.50-£14.50 (half-price for children until Dec 23).

☆ TWELFTH NIGHT: The five-man ACTER Shakespeare Company (formerly attached to the RSC) on a two-week visit to London No *director and much doubling*
Young Vic Studio Theatre, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo Mon-Sat 7 45pm, mats Fri, Mon and Thurs 2pm. £5. (D)

☆ UNDER THE WEB: New Julia Kearsley play: *lost youth, life and aerobics.*
Soho Poly Theatre, 16 Riding House Street, W1 (01-636 9050). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4.50.

☆ WAITING FOR GODOT: Alec McCowen and John Alderton play Didi and Gogo in Beckett's first and greatest play
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube Waterloo Tonight 7-9 30pm Then in repertory £6-£13

☆ WINNIE THE POOH: The bear of little brain plus cuddly, hopping and bouncing friends.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street, off Kingsway, WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. Today and tomorrow 10.30am and 2pm. Adults £9-£11, children £7.50-£9. Not recommended for under-fives.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ The Business Of Murder: Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . **★ Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). **☆ Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . **☆ 42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . **☆ Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . **☆ Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . **★ Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . **☆ The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . **★ Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . **☆ Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . **☆ Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CROYDON: ☆ I'm Dreaming the Hardest: Vince Foxall's engrossing play about the last hours of Marilyn Monroe.
Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, East Croydon (01-680 4060), Tues-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £3.75-£4.75.

LEEDS: ☆ A Chorus of Disapproval: *Alan Ayckbourn's* adventures in the world of amateur operatics.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6

MANCHESTER: ☆ Loot: Patrick Barlow and Bernard Gallagher in revival of Orton s inimitably heartless comedy.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 624 2829), *Mon-Thurs* 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.90.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
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BEN HUR: (see caption).
London Palladium (01-437 7373). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 3pm.

■ LA BAMBA (15): Conventional biography of the Mexican-American rock legend Ritchie Valens, dead at 17. Directed by Luis Valdez (100 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.20, 4.50, 7.20, 9.55.

■ DIRTY DANCING (18): Flimsy but energetic coming-of-age saga, with Jennifer Grey as the headstrong girl losing her *innocence at a Borscht Belt resort.* With Patrick Swayze and Jerry Orbach. Directed by Emile Ardolino (88 min).
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Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1 55, 4.05.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 3.55, 6 10, 8.25.

EAT THE RICH (15): Raucous black comedy about London life, from *Peter Richardson originator of The Comic Strip.* With Ronald Allen, Fiona Richmond and Nosher Powell (90 min).
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■ HOPE AND GLORY (15): John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and *Sammi Davis (113 min).*
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JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG): Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about Provençal life in the 1920s; with Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil and Gérard Depardieu. Claude Berri directs (121 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

This year's Thames Silents presentation at the London Film Festival is *Ben Hur*, a thundering epic from 1925 into which MGM poured a record million dollars (see listing). Ramon Novarro (above with May McAvoy) stars as the Jewish prince avenging himself against the Roman Empire. Acting quality see-saws but the chariot race is still tremendous and this restored print includes 10 scenes in Technicolor. Carl Davis conducts the London Philharmonic in his own score.

MAURICE (15): Set during the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 6.45, 9.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45.

■ ROXANNE (15): *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent *true love.* With Daryl Hannah (107 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20.

■ SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U): Walt Disney's first animated feature, 1937, looking better than ever (83 min).
✠ Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 4.30, 7.15.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ UNTO CAESER: Anthony Caeser plays such organ works as Bach's G major Fantasy, the Introduction and Minuet from Boëllman's *Suite Gothique* and a Fantasy by Darke.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ WAYS OF ZION: Julian Williamson conducts the Camden Choir and City of London Sinfonia in Handel's anthem for the funeral of Queen Caroline, *The Ways of Zion do Mourn.*
St John's, *Smith Square, London* SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.

☆ FROM PRAGUE: The Panocha Quartet of Prague interprets Beethoven's Quartet Op 18 No 1, following it with Schubert's Quartet D 810 before being joined by Michael Collins for Brahms's Clarinet Quintet.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ PESEK/PLETNEV: The Philharmonia Orchestra is conducted by Libor Pesek in Bizet's *L'Arlésienne* Suite, Dvorak's Symphony No 7, and in Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No 1* the soloist is Mikhail Pletnev.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2-£14.

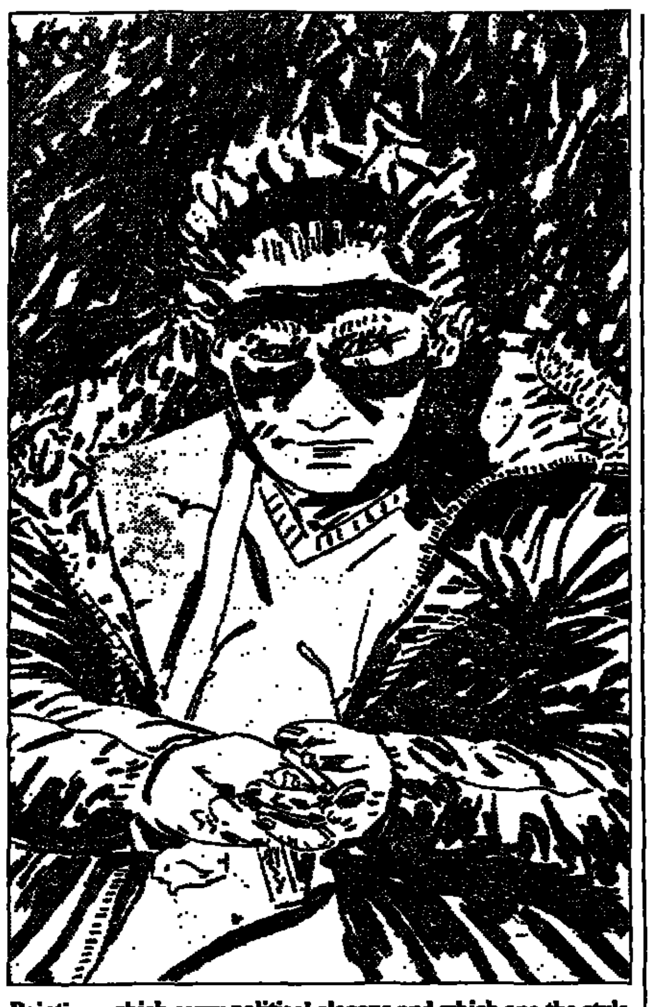
☆ JAZZ FROM RRRR: Mauricio Kagel conducts the Ensemble Modern in his own Five Jazz Pieces from RRRR, *Kantrimusik* and Finale. This is the opening concert of an Arts Council Contemporary Music Network tour.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £5.

☆ KATIN'S CHOPIN: Chopin's *Variations brillantes* Op 12, *Andante spianato and Grand Polonaise* Op 22, Sonata Op 35, Fantasy Op 49, Mazurkas Op 59 and Barcarolle Op 60 are all played by Peter Katin.
St George's, Charlotte Street, *Brandon Hill, Bristol* (0272 230359), 8pm, £5.

☆ STRING SERENADES: David Josetowicz conducts the London Soloists' Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, Bartók's Rumanian Dances, Samuel Barber's *Adagio* and Serenades by Tchaikovsky and Elgar.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 8pm, £3-£6.

OPERA

☆ DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM *SERAIL:* *Perceptive and aesthetically pleasing new* production by Elijah Moshinsky for the Royal Opera, with Inge Nielsen as Konstanze and Deon van der Walt as Belmonte. Sir Georg Solti *conducts a powerful account of the* score.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.45pm, £2-£70.



Paintings which carry political slogans and which ape the style of agitprop posters have always attracted fiercely partisan criticism. Recently they have come under concerted attack, not on account of their habitual socialist sympathies but because such paintings are allegedly often characterized by bad workmanship and poverty of imagination. However Tony Bevan, whose "Tender Possessions" is seen above, is a painter who does not flinch from interpreting the seamier aspects of contemporary life but has still succeeded in building a considerable reputation. Using aggressively bright colours he makes large, almost Identikit portraits of anonymous figures. "Tender Possessions", which is seven by four feet and part of a series of canvases on the same theme, began as a picture of a bag woman, the title being a pun on her black eyes, which resemble tribal warpaint. Bevan continued re-working the image until it came to represent, in his words, "an individual reflecting the state of society". It is because Bevan's pictures are at variance with traditional, polite expectations of portraiture that two of his works were recently selected by the National Portrait Gallery to hang provocatively next to pictures of Elizabeth I and Sir Philip Sidney. An exhibition of Bevan's work during the Eighties opens tomorrow at the Institute of Contemporary Art, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493), daily noon to 8pm, 60p, until February 21.
David Lee

☆ THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: New, commedia dell'arte-inspired production by Jonathan Miller for English National Opera, with Alan Opie in the title role and Mark Elder conducting.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ HMS PINAFORE: New Sadler's Wells Opera tour Christopher Renshaw's popular production.
Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (091 514 2517), 7.30-*10.20pm, £3.50-£10.50.*

☆ IL SERAGLIO: David Pountney's original production for Scottish Opera is now staged by Richard Jones and still going strong.
Theatre Royal, *282 Hope Street*, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£21.

☆ THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO: Giles Havergal's harum-scarum production for *Welsh National* Opera.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.15-10.30pm, £7-£21.

DANCE

☆ THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schaufuss's somewhat overloaded production for London Festival Ballet.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444), 7.30-10pm, £4-£14.

☆ LA FILLE MAL GARDEE: *Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in* Ashton's romantic comedy.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30-10pm, £4.50-£14.

☆ JOHN SOMEBODY: Rosalind Newman's creation for London Contemporary Dance Theatre is given with London premières of Siobhan Davies's *Red Steps* and *Hang-Up* by Jonathan Lunn and Anthony Minghella.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), *7.30-10pm, £3.50-£10.50.*

ROCK

☆ L.L.COOL J: *Hip Hop's baddest boy is back and nationwide. But both his support acts — Eric B. & Rakim and Public Enemy — are now higher in the chart than L.L.*
University of East Anglia, The Plain, Norwich (0603 505401) *7.30pm, £5.50.*

☆ HOTHOUSE FLOWERS: Dublin quintet of considerable potential. *Formerly a protégé of U2's Mother* label, the group's first London single, "Don't Go", suggests the emotional range of the young Van Morrison. Support is Andy White.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate *Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334)* 7.30pm, £5.

☆ POP WILL EAT ITSELF: Fresh, funny and irreverent bunch of deviants from Stourbridge, whose *cut and sample album, Box Frenzy,* remains high in the Independent chart.
Darwin College, Kent University, Canterbury (0227 764000) 8.30pm, £2.50-£3.

☆ ANNIE GRIFFIN: Seen at this year's Edinburgh Fringe, Griffin's one-woman show, *Almost Persuaded*, is about country songs and the women who sing them.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493) 8pm, £4.90 (+ 60p membership), until Dec 5.

★ THE STYLE COUNCIL: Designer diamanté paste soul from the *morose Paul Weller* and his cohorts.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £9.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	Portrait of Mario Lanza	Mario Lanza, Stylus
2	(2)	The Pavarotti Collection	Luciano Pavarotti, Stylus
3	(5)	The Collection	Placido Domingo, Stylus
4	(4)	Maria Callas Collection	Maria Callas, Stylus
5	(3)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Du Pré/LSO, HMV
6	(6)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Virtuosi of England, CFP
7	(7)	Portrait of Andrés Segovia	Andrés Segovia, Stylus
8	(–)	Strauss: Tales from Vienna	Vienna Opera Orch, Conifer
9	(–)	Duets from Famous Operas	Various, CFP
10	(–)	Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2	Trimo/PO, CFP
11	(11)	Holst: The Planets	Karajan/BPO, DG
12	(–)	Holst: The Planets	Hallé, CFP
13	(–)	*Beethoven: Symphony 6*	*Karajan/BPO, DG*
14	(–)	Elgar: Violin Concerto	Kennedy/Handley/LPO, Eminence
15	(–)	Elgar: Cello Concertos	Du Pré/Barbirolli/ LSO, HMV
16	(12)	100 Greatest Classics I	Various, Trax Classique
17	(9)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	LPO, CFP
18	(–)	100 Greatest Classics III	Various, Trax Classique
19	(19)	Dennis O'Neill Sings	O'Neill/BBC WSO, BBC
20	(20)	Maria Callas — Operatic Overtures	Callas, BBC

Source: Music Week Research

JAZZ

☆ TED CURSON: Last year's concert with baritone player Nick Brignola won rave reviews.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (*01-729 2476*), 8.45pm, £4.50.

☆ ROGER KELLAWAY: For the next four evenings, the composer-pianist is joined by the highly-rated *US vocalist Marlene Verplanck.*
Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-235 5550), 8pm, £5.

☆ DUDU PUKWANA: With his excellent LP *In The Townships* re-issued on Earthworks, the saxophonist links up with free-inspired drummer, John Stevens.
The Sun, 47 Old Town, London *SW4 (01-622 4980)*, 8.30pm, £2.50.

☆ CECIL TAYLOR: *In his middle fifties*, the avant-garde pianist is as uncompromising as ever.
St Paul's Hall, Huddersfield Polytechnic (0484 22133 ext 685). 7.30pm, £4.

GALLERIES

ELIZABETH THOMPSON, LADY BUTLER (1846-1933): A collection *of the most important works by a* popular Victorian battle painter.
Leeds City Art Gallery, Municipal Buildings, Leeds (0532 462295). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 14.

WALL TO WALL: Contemporary textiles, rugs and tapestries shown in interiors especially designed for them.
Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (01-435 2643). Mon-Sat 11-6pm, Sun 2-6 pm, free, until Jan 3.

ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG: Sculptures called Gluts by an American Pop artist.
Waddington Galleries, 2 & 34 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 11-1pm, free, until Dec 23.

GEORGE ROUSSE: Large *cibachrome photographs of* illusionistic paintings and installations made in derelict buildings.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-741 2251), Tues-Sun 12-8pm, free, until Dec 23.

GREAT ENGINEERS: An exhibition celebrating 150 years of achievement by British engineers.
Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-584 5020). Mon-Sat 10-6pm, free, until Jan 31.

ERIC ROBERTSON (1887-1941): Figurative paintings and drawings.
Piccadilly Gallery, 16 Cork Street, London W1 (01-629 2875). Daily 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12.30pm, free, until Jan 15.

MASTER OF THE POSTER 1896-1900: *Examples* by Toulouse Lautrec, Mucha, Cheret and others.
Leinster Contemporary Art, Business Design Centre, Upper Street, London N1 (01-288 6058), Tues-Fri 11-6pm, Sat 11-2pm, free, *until Jan 29.*

ORIENTAL CARPETS: An exhibition of historic and contemporary, mainly Anatolian, carpets and rugs.
Bernheimer Fine Arts, 32 St George Street, London W1 (01-499 0293), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, free, until Jan 15.

THE PEOPLE'S ART 1987: An exhibition devised to show the *variety of art* and crafts being made in this gallery's catchment area.
Rochdale Art Gallery, Esplanade, Rochdale (0706 342154), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Wed 10-1pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until Dec 19.

***STEPHEN FARTHING:** A career* review of a young narrative and modern history painter.
Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733), Tues-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-*8pm, free, until Dec 6.*

TALKS

MADNESS, DIGNITY AND HYGIENE: Richard Cork, art critic of *The Listener*, talks on art made for hospitals.
University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1, 5.30pm, free.

***CLOCKS:** Dr J Newall of the* Physics Department, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, talks on the *development of precision time-keeping* over the last seven centuries.
University of Birmingham, Large Lecture Theatre, Physics Poynting Building, Birmingham, 11am, free.

EDUCATION FORUM: David Hart, general secretary NAHT and Richard Bunker, director of *education, West Sussex County* Council, answer the question: "What should children learn and who should decide?"
Educational Liason Centre, Department of Educational Studies, *University of Surrey, Guildford* (0483 509192), 7pm, £1.

A VERY MODERN BALLET *EXPERIMENT:* Jane Pritchard offers an introduction to Les Ballets — 1933.
Society for Theatre Research, The Art Worker's Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1, 7.30pm, free.

WALKS

JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

***MICHAEL CAINE'S LONDON:** meet* St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

JEWISH EAST END: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

ROYAL LONDON: meet *Westminster tube, 11am, £2.50.*

COLOURFUL SAUCY SOHO: meet Covent Garden tube, 7pm, £2.50.

SECRET HISTORY TOUR — THE STRAND: meet Embankment tube, *2pm, £2.50.*

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

FLOWER SHOW: Last day of the last show at the RHS this year with competitions in late apples and pears, ornamental plants and British orchids.
RHS Halls, Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333), 10am-5pm, £1.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP: Open to all, with advice on improving styles and skill in writing fiction. Bring your own work. Workshop led by writer in residence Kate Pullinger.
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town *Hall, Lavender Hill*, London SW11 (01-223 2223). 6.30-9pm, £1.50.

GERMAN WINE POSTER EXHIBITION: Comprises a selection of designs by British students, one of which will be chosen today as the overall winner by a panel which includes Jancis Robinson and Deyan Sudjic.
Barbican Shop Foyer, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Fri 9-11pm, Sun 12-11pm, free, until Sun.

THE SEE-SAW TREE: David *Wood's children's show about a* condemned tree and its inhabitants.
The Palace Theatre, Appletongate, Newark, Nottinghamshire (0636 71156). Today until Fri 10am and 1.30pm, Sat 10am, £2.50 (child £1.60).

LITTLE DORRIT: Display of costumes made for the new epic film of Dickens's novel to be released next month. All the clothes *— from corsets to coats -* are handmade with meticulous attention to historical detail and it took 25 people over two years to make them.
Museum of London, London Wall, *London EC2 (01-600 3699). Tues-*Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Apr 10.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA ON TOUR: Visits to Middlesbrough, Carlisle and Ayr *during* December and January include performances by Jano Starker, Matthias Bamert, Bryden Thomson and Robert Cohen.
Scottish National Orchestra, 3 La Belle Place, Glasgow (041 332 7244).

SOUNDS IN TIME: Part one of the Early Music series concludes with four concerts including first British performance of Haydn's *L'Infedelta Delusa* and a *Medieval Pilgrimage presented* by Martin Best Ensemble. Jan.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002). Advance booking open. General booking from Dec 1/2

PLANTAGANET FILMS: Coinciding with Royal Academy's *Age of Chivalry* exhibition — *Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Passion of Joan of Arc, Robin and Marion* and *The Adventures of Robin Hood.*
Jan/Feb.
BAFTA, 195 Piccadilly, London W1 (Booking: 01-734 9052).

LAST CHANCE

BELFAST FESTIVAL: Last week includes: RSC in *Hamlet* and *The Comedy of Errors* (Whitela Hall); Lyric Hammersmith production of *The Hypochondriac* with Tom *Courtenay* (Grand Opera House); Michael Palin (Arts Theatre); Festival Ball (Ulster Hall); and closing concert by Ulster Orchestra under Vernon Handley (Ulster Hall)
Festival Box Office, 25 College Gardens, Belfast (0232 665577, cc 666321/247728).

VUES DE FRANCE PAR UN ANGLAIS: Donald Earle's observation of French sea and landscapes, in water-colour and other media.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Until Sun.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

FLETCHERISM
(c) Ridiculously thorough chewing, advocated by Horace Fletcher (1849-1919), a US health freak.

CHITTERING-BITE
(b) A piece of bread put in mouth to stop teeth chattering.

ALPHONSIN
(a) A three-armed forceps for extracting bullets from wounds, invented by Alphonso Ferri, c. 1552.

OREO
(a) A US Black whose values and behaviour are those of white society; from a chocolate sandwich biscuit with white filling.

PARURE
(c) A set of jewellery or other ornaments, from Old French *pareure*, adornment, ultimately from Latin *parare*, to prepare or arrange.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Ton't 8 00 HENRY MANCINI in concert Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (01 928 3191) CC (928 8800) Tonight 7 30 PHILHARMONIA. Libor Pesek. Mikhail Pletnev. Bizet: Suite. L'Arlesienne: Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 1: Dvorak: Symphony No 7

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.30 The Barber of Seville. Tomor 7.30 Last Perf Pacific Overtures.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Happy Tho' Married (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Open Air. Pattie Coldwell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television offerings. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Neighbours (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on services provided by NHS doctors and dentists
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School (r), and Pinny's House (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Barry Foster with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Bob Wellings and Pattie Coldwell introduce programme makers to their critics.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. The removal men turn up at No 20 Ramsey Street **1.50** Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz.
2.15 Film: My Brilliant Career (1979) starring Judy Davis and Sam Neill. A dramatic love story about the battle of a young Australian woman to overcome a humble background, gain her independence and to pursue a worthwhile career. Directed by Gillian Armstrong.
3.50 Caterpillar Trail leads to lions of the Masai Mara and barn owls in Aylesbury **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (r). **4.15** Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince. Part three (r). **4.35** Hartbeat. Tony Hart's novel approach to making pictures. (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround **5.10** Aliens in the Family. Part two. (Ceefax)
5.35 Masterteam 87.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Donald Woods and his wife, Wendy, Alison Moyet and Peter Gabriel
7.35 The Clothes Show. Selina Scott and Jeff Banks check out men's styling in Stirling; and Caryn Franklin meets Mary Quant (r).
8.00 Bergerac. The Jersey detective is faced with a succession of bizarre murders. (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
9.05 News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.35 The Visit: Coma. Desmond Wilcox with the first of two programmes on the story of 11-year-old Connie Taylor's fight for life after being knocked down by a Glasgow taxi. (Ceefax)
10.25 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Football: highlights of the game between Everton and Bayern Munich at Goodison Park, marking the centenary of the Football League. The commentator is Barry Davies; Snooker: quarter-final action in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship in Preston; Rallying: a report on the climax of the Lombard RAC Rally; and details of voting for the Sports Personality of the Year.
12.10 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Heather Scott and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and cartoon at **7.55**. After Nine includes a discussion on colour therapy.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Allsorts (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Pennywise. Money-saving ideas from Muriel Clark and Anne Brand (r). **12.00** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news.
1.00 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian township **2.00** Crosswits. World game presented by Tom O'Connor. With Liza Goddard and Graham Stark.
2.30 Frocks on the Box. Fashion series **3.00** Take the High Road. Mrs Mack is interfering again **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The Pondles **4.10** The Telebugs **4.20** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin **4.50** Your Mother Wouldn't Like It.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help with details of next year's replacement for supplementary benefit – Income Support.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Headliners. Quiz about the big stories of the past 25 years, presented by Derek Jameson. Nigel Dempster and Philippa Kennedy are joined by Katie Boyle, John Conteh, Vickie Michelle and Bernie Winters.
7.30 Coronation Street. The hospital staff break the bad news.
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests include the Shadows and Richard Clayderman.
9.00 The London Embassy. The sixth and final episode of the drama serial based on short stories by Paul Theroux. Starring Kristoffer Tabori, Lou Hirsch, Manning Redwood and Brenda Bruce.
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
10.05 News with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.35 Ice Skating. The Tuborg British Figure Skating Championships from Lee Valley Ice Rink, introduced by Nick Owen.
11.35 Seconds Out. Boxing from the Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech.
12.35 Film: Hunted (1952, b/w) starring Dirk Bogarde and Kay Walsh. Drama about a young orphan boy on the run from his foster parents, who attaches himself to a murderer being hunted by the police. Directed by Charles Crichton.
2.00 America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem.
2.30 News headlines followed by WKRP in Cincinnati. Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Dr Phibes Rises Again (1972) starring Vincent Price. Waking from a 10-year hibernation, Dr Phibes vows to bring his late wife back to life again. Directed by Robert Fuest.
4.35 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsreels.
5.00 ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.43** Daytime on Two: Spanish **10.00** For the very young **10.15** Science: highlights **10.38** Light signals **11.00** Words and pictures **11.18** Maths investigations **11.40** Recycling **12.05** Using maths at work **12.28** Economics: choice **12.50** Urban wildlife (Ceefax) **1.20** For the young **1.38** A young New Forest fawn deer **2.00** News and weather followed by a traditional tale from China.
2.15 The Task of Mankind. Famine in Ethiopia (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by International Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston **3.50** News, regional news and weather.
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Barry Norman talks to Desmond Lynam about his favourite television moments.
4.30 International Snooker. A further visit to the Guild Hall, Preston.
5.30 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with a guide to saving and spending for Christmas, avoiding the New Year money worries.
6.00 Film: Carry On Sergeant (1958, b/w) starring William Hartnell and Bob Monkhouse. The first of the Carry On films, a comedy about National Service. Directed by Gerald Thomas.
7.20 Rally Report. The last day of the Lombard RAC Rally.
7.40 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Programme 11 of the 13-part series charting the progress of the restoration of a walled garden. (Ceefax)
8.10 Antenna. (see Choice)
9.00 M*A*S*H. Radar disappears when the vehicle he is driving carrying Potter, Hawkeye, Frank and B.J. breaks down in unknown territory (r).
9.25 A Perfect Spy. Episode four and Magnus Pym joins the intelligence service and is soon in Czechoslovakia. (Ceefax)
10.20 On the House Special. A report on Interbuild 87 at the National Exhibition Centre.
10.50 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
10.55 Newsnight **11.40** Weather.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun (r).
1.00 Be Your Own Boss. For those setting up in business on their own (r). (Oracle)
1.30 Catering with Care. The problems of food hygiene. Last in the series. (Oracle)
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: Night and the City (1950, b/w) starring Richard Widmark, Googie Withers and Gene Tierney. Drama about a London-based American small-time crook who tries to muscle in on the London wrestling scene with disastrous results. Directed by Jules Dassin.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson meets the music-making Deighton family from Yorkshire. The mother, father and their four children aged between 10 and 19, play Cajun blues music.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Ice Skating. The Tuborg British Figure Skating championships.
5.30 World Rhythmic Gymnastics from Bulgaria.
6.00 Family Ties. Role-reversal domestic comedy series.
6.30 All In a Day's Life. This second programme in the series examining concepts of work, leisure and unemployment features morning in the lives of seven disparate people. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment followed by Weather.
8.00 Design Matters: Cities with a Future. Southampton's urban renewal.
8.30 A Week in Politics. Gorbachov's Russia is discussed by Henry Trofimenko, a Soviet foreign policy expert, Denis Healey and George Walden
9.00 Rigoletto. Giuseppe Verdi's opera filmed on location in Mantua starring Ingvar Wixell in the title role, Edita Gruberova as Gilda and Luciano Pavarotti as the Duke of Mantua. With Feruccio Furlanetto, Victoria Vergara, Kathleen Kuhlmann and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Riccardo Chailly.
11.15 Don't Miss Wax. Comedy starring Ruby Wax (r).
12.00 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.20**.

Blinded by scientists

The hand of comfort: one of the thousands of Africans who die from the disease Aids every year: BBC2, 8.10pm

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Dr Brian Sykes and Dr Bill Hirst are scientists who share a low opinion of the way their subject is presented on television. Sykes says TV coverage of science is seldom serious, talks about the "arm waving eccentrics" who present the programmes and reckons that the public is being badly let down. Hirst says the trouble is television's being a visual medium. Viewers become so seduced by the images that they are distracted from the content. He singles out *Tomorrow's World*, for showing science as magic instead of explaining how things work. Thanks to fellowships from the British Association, Sykes and Hirst have the chance to practise what they preach. Sykes is seconded to Channel 4 News and Hirst joins — guess what? — *Tomorrow's World*. Their progress is followed in *Antenna* (BBC2, 8.10pm), itself a TV science programme. Sykes prepares an item on genetic fingerprint techniques. Filming in Abingdon, he finds his crew being whisked off an another assignment. When the piece is ready, it is dropped in favour of a speech by Gorbachov and has to wait three days to get on the screen. Sykes modifies his earlier criticism. He now says it is the fault of scientists themselves for being hopeless communicators. Meanwhile, back at *Nationwide*, Hirst is stuck for ideas. The best he can find is a gadget for extracting rusty nails from wood. "I would not call it a heavy scientific item", he admits, "it is exactly the sort of thing I criticized the programme for". *Antenna* also has a report on a team of French doctors visiting African countries hit by the Aids virus. What Sykes and Hirst think of it is not revealed.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith with Round Britain Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** pm Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2 **10.00** pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
Sports Round-Up **8.50** am
4.00 am Dave Bussey **5.30** Ray Moore (from Belfast, for Children in Need) **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Esther Rantzen (incl Children in Need auction) **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 **8.30** Cide 'N' Song (The Yetties) **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue **10.30** The Music Goes Round and Round at 78rpm **1.05** Brian Matthew **1.00** am Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00 am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Development '87 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 My Music 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News. Sports Roundup 9.45 Dave Gelly's Songbook 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Quote, Unquote 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Natural Selection 11.25 Letter from Wales 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Time for Verse 12.25 Farming 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Development '87 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 On the Road 3.30 Two Cheers for November 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Essays on Popular Music 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Letter from Wales 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuel 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Essays on Popular Music 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Letter from Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Write On... 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Two Cheers for November 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Training for Tomorrow 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Tell Me, Mr Smith 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today

Radio 3

4.55 am Test Match Special: Pakistan v England, in Lahore. First day's play. Until **11.35am**. On **VHF** and **MW**, but on **WV** only from **6.55am**
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Smetana (Sarka, Ma Vlast: Israel PO under Walter Weller). Biber (Battalia: Vienna Concentus Musicus under Harnoncourt), Suk (Love Song, Op 7 No 1: Pavel Stepan, piano), Haydn (Symphony No 100: Academy of Ancient Music)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Britten (Three folk song arrangments: O Waly, Waly; Sweet Polly Oliver; Early One Morning. Pears, tenor, with Britten, piano), Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E, RV 271: Pina Carmirelli with I Musici), Liszt (Liebestrüme: Jorge Bolet, piano), Tchaikovsky (1812 Overture: Chicago SO)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Dufay. Hilliard Ensemble perform O sancte Sebastiane; Ecclesiae militantis; Nuper rosarum flores; Salve flos Tuscae gentis; Alma redemptoris mater
9.40 Beethoven and Howells: Manoug Parikian (violin), with Hamish Milne (piano). Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2), Howells (Sonata No 1)
10.25 Weber: Clarinet Concertino, Op 26 (Reginald Kell with Orchestra under Walter Goehr), and Bassoon Concerto in F, Op 75 (Gwydion Brooke, with Royal Liverpool PO)
10.55 Music for Piano Duet: Andrew Wilson-Dickson and James Walker play Stravinsky's Petrushka
11.35 Matinee musicale: recordings of Quilter's A Children's Overture (Light Music Society Orchestra), and Rosamund, from Where the Rainbow Ends (Bournemouth SO), Grainger's fanfare The Duke of Marlborough (Sydney SO), Childrens March; Over the Hills and Far Away (Sydney SO), and Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol (Grainger, piano roll). Also works by Cyril Scott including Poem and Early One Morning (with John Ogdon, piano)
12.30 Before the Blues: the fourth of Paul Oliver's record series. Today: Old Country Stomp (see Choice)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Concert Hall: Piers Lane (piano) plays Busoni's transcription of Bach's Chaconne in D minor, BWV 1004; and Rachmaninov's Preludes, Op 23
2.00 Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra, under Rolla. Mozart (Divertimento in D, K 136), Rossini (Sonata No 3 in C), Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 10), and Bartok (Romanian Folk Dances)
2.50 Record Review: Includes new Messiaen recordings reviewed by Roger Nichols, and David Murray on rarely-recorded works by Franz Schmidt (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Coventry Cathedral. A live transmission. Organist: Christopher Argent
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice: with Donald Macleod. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 1: Boyd Neil Orchestra), Berlioz (Lélio: Carreras, tenor, with John Alldis Choir and LSO under Colin Davis), Bax (Violin Concerto: Parikian with BBC Welsh SO under Bryden Thomson), Fauré (Fantaisie: Susan Milan, flute, and Clifford Benson, piano) **6.55** News
7.00 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC
7.20 Unfinished Schubert: Consortium Classicum perform the minuet and finale (Wind Octet in F, D 72)
7.30 Warsaw Philharmonic, under Kazimierz Kord. From Cardiff. With Barbara Gorzynska (violin). Part one. Sibelius (Finlandia), Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 2), Stravinsky (Petrushka, 1947). In the interval (**8.05**), Stephen Walsh on Petrushka
9.05 Music from Romania: recordings of traditional folk dances, epics and pastorales
9.30 Science on 3: with Colin Tudge
10.15 Gluck Trio-Sonatas: members of the Academy of Ancient Music in works by Gluck (No 5 in E flat, and No 6 in F), and Geminiani (No 2 in D minor)
10.45 Martin Roscoe (piano) plays Beethoven works — Sonata in F sharp Op 78; Variations and Fugue in E flat, Op 35; Sonata in A flat, Op 110
11.45 First Night: Waiting for Godot at the Lyttelton Theatre, London, is reviewed by David Nokes
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Luciano Pavarotti as the Duke of Mantua and Ingvar Wixell as the jester in Rigoletto: Channel 4, 9.00pm

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Juice 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 9.00-9.05 A Party Political Broadcast (Scottish Conservative Party) NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 87 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.30am-8.55 Masterteam 87 SCOTLAND 11.40am-12.05pm Around Scotland 10.50-10.55 A Party Political Broadcast (Scottish Conservative Party) NORTHERN IRELAND 10.38am-10.58 Ulster in Focus.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.35am Vincent Price's Dracula 1.30-2.30 Nashville Swing 5.00 America's Top Ten 5.30 Punky Brewster 6.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 11.35 Fight Night 12.35am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 News 11.35 Fight Night 12.35am Film: That'll Be The Day 2.15 UFO 3.10 News

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CHANNEL As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Horse Sense 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 Sullivans 3.00 Cross Wits 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 11.35 Rick Springfield 12.40am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.50pm Granada Reports 1.00-2.00 Falcon Crest 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.35 Fight Night 12.35am America's Top Ten 1.05 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.35 News 12.35am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-6.35pm Wales at Six.

TSW As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 11.35 Starring the Actors 12.10am Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.30 Country Practice 2.00 Sullivans 2.25 Frocks on the Box 3.00 Crosswits 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25-6.35 Police 5 11.35 Rick Springfield 12.40am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 6.05-6.35 Northern Life 11.35 Fight Night 12.35am Close

ULSTER As London except: 12.50-1.00pm Newstime 3.30-4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.35 Ask Anne 11.35 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.50 News 12.55 Help Yourself 1.00-2.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.35 Calendar 10.35 Chapeltown — One Year On 11.35 Ice Skating 1.35 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Countdown 1.00 Open College 1.30 Catering With Care 2.00 Gnostics 3.00 Old Country 3.30 Mister Ed* 4.00 World of Animation 4.15 Ffalabalam 4.30 Bildowcar 5.00 Cartoon 5.15 Mavis on Four 5.45 American Football 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Hawl I Wybod 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Mwgwd Yr Ieir 9.05 Siwcer 9.40 Kate and Allie 10.10 Tandoori Nights 10.40 Film: Send Me No Flowers 12.25am Week in Politics 12.55 Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones and the team (Fred Downham, Dr Stefan Buczacki and Daphne Ledward) answer questions sent in by post
10.30 Morning Story: The Boy Stood Up, by Steve Knight. Read by Stephen Rashbrook
10.45 Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 13 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Workforce: A quarterly round-up on the world of employment, incl a special report by Brian Redhead and Nicholas Jones about workers who move in search of a job. Giles Merritt, in Brussels, considers the employment prospects for continental Europe
11.47 Could Do Better: Robert Booth talks to actor Terence Stamp about his school reports
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Buckley
12.25 Castles in Spain: Serial in five parts by Edward Boyd starring Ray Brooks (5)(r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Party Political broadcast by the Conservative Party
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: with Jenni Murray.
3.00 News; A Graham Greene Anthology: Cheap in August, dramatized by Elizabeth Troop. With Valerie Sarruf and Robert Beatty (see Choice) (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: Wendy Cope with the second of six anthologies chosen by her (2) Money. The readers are Peter Jeffrey, Elizabeth Proud and Margaret Ward
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 File on 4: with reporter Max Easterman (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Twin Roles. Actor and director Kenneth Branagh (Guy Pringle in Fortunes of War) talks to Michael Schmidt
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Film Star: Alexander Walker recalls the screen career of Spencer Tracy, with sound track extracts from some of his films (r)
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business: United States export regulations. An inquiry by David Lomax. Includes critical comment from Paddy Ashdown, MP (r)
7.45 Up The Garden Path: Imelda Staunton stars in the dramatization the novel by Sue Limb (episode three of six)
8.15 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
8.45 Swingtime for Hitler: The curious wartime work of a Nazi propaganda swing band. With Michael Pointon, Freddy Brocksieper and Martin Esslin
9.15 The 1987 Reith Lectures: Composer Alexander Goehr gives six talks on the Survival of the Symphony (2) An Orchid in the Land of Technology
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Introduced by Paul Allen. Items include comment on Waiting for Godot, at the National Theatre, London; the 31st London Film Festival; F.X. Messerschmidt: Character Heads at the ICA and Nash Galleries; and the Reith Lectures on Radio 4 (see 9.15pm entry)
10.15 A Graham Greene Anthology: The End of the Affair (8). The readers are Kika Markham and Julian Glover **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Singing Together **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop **11.40** Reading Corner **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.00** pm For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Wavelength Plus **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10** am Schools Night-Time **12.30** Deutsch fur die Oberstufe (5) Nachrichten und Neuigkeiten. **12.50** Deutscher Club (1) Gedanken uber den Tod.

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RADIO CHOICE

Robert Beatty: Cheap in August, Radio 4, 3pm

● Graham Greene's characterized his short story *Cheap in August* (Radio 4, 3.00pm) as one of his comedies of the sexual life. But we should not be misled by that. Just as is in the pages of Dante, there are hell, purgatory and paradise in Greene's comedy, and all three states are delicately interwoven in Elizabeth Troop's adaptation of *Cheap in August*. It takes a master story-teller like Greene to give plausibility to such a basically fantastic tale: intelligent English wife in her late thirties (Valerie Sarruf) ending up in the bed of uninteresting American stranger in his mid-seventies (Robert Beatty) during a brief holiday in Jamaica. Greene poignantly *pulls it off* by making the septuagenarian the kind of American (vulnerable and afraid) who is the complete antithesis of the only Americans (smugly self-possessed) the wife has previously encountered — all of them synthesized in her academic husband.

● **Before the Blues** (Radio 3, 12.30pm), Paul Oliver's charting of the evolution of black American blues music, enters a highly syncopated stage today with the banjos, mandolins and fiddles that set toes a-tapping early in the present century.

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LRT to be sued for Tube disaster

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to contribute to the full inquiry, which he expected to begin in mid-January. It would probably hear first from witnesses, followed by technical experts and then "those who are going to interpret the evidence received".

Mr Fennell dismissed a challenge by Labour MPs, led by Mr Tony Banks, on his political impartiality because he is president of the Buckingham divisional Conservative Association.

He said: "It would be a very sad day for the democratic process if a person who happens to belong one of the major political parties in this country was disqualified from setting up a judicial inquiry".

During his visit, Mr Fennell walked down the No 4 escalator steps to a point where the staircase tunnel showed the passage of the fireball last Wednesday night. He studied a clear dividing line between the upper part of the escalator handrail, destroyed by the flames, and the bottom half which was virtually untouched.

His tour also included the machine room beneath the head of the escalator, where a door to a manually-operated sprinkler system carried the warning: "To be kept locked shut".

Afterwards he refused to say whether he had concentrated on any part of the staircase, but said he had been left with an impression of immense heat on the night of the tragedy and praised the heroism of the rescue services.

Underground staff said yesterday that some passengers were still smoking on trains and stations, despite the ban.

Dr Tony Ridley, managing director and chairman of London Underground, said fines could be imposed on offenders but he hoped it would be unnecessary.

"We hope that the ban will be self-policing, that the pressure of public opinion will act on those who are irresponsible enough to try and smoke", he said.

● Mr Stuart Holmes, a draughtsman who has fought for four years to highlight fire risks on the Underground, said last night that he had written to LRT in September last year urging an advertising ban and asking for posters to be displayed bearing the message "Smoking Kills.", but Sir Keith Bright, LRT's chairman and chief executive, had written back dismissing his arguments.

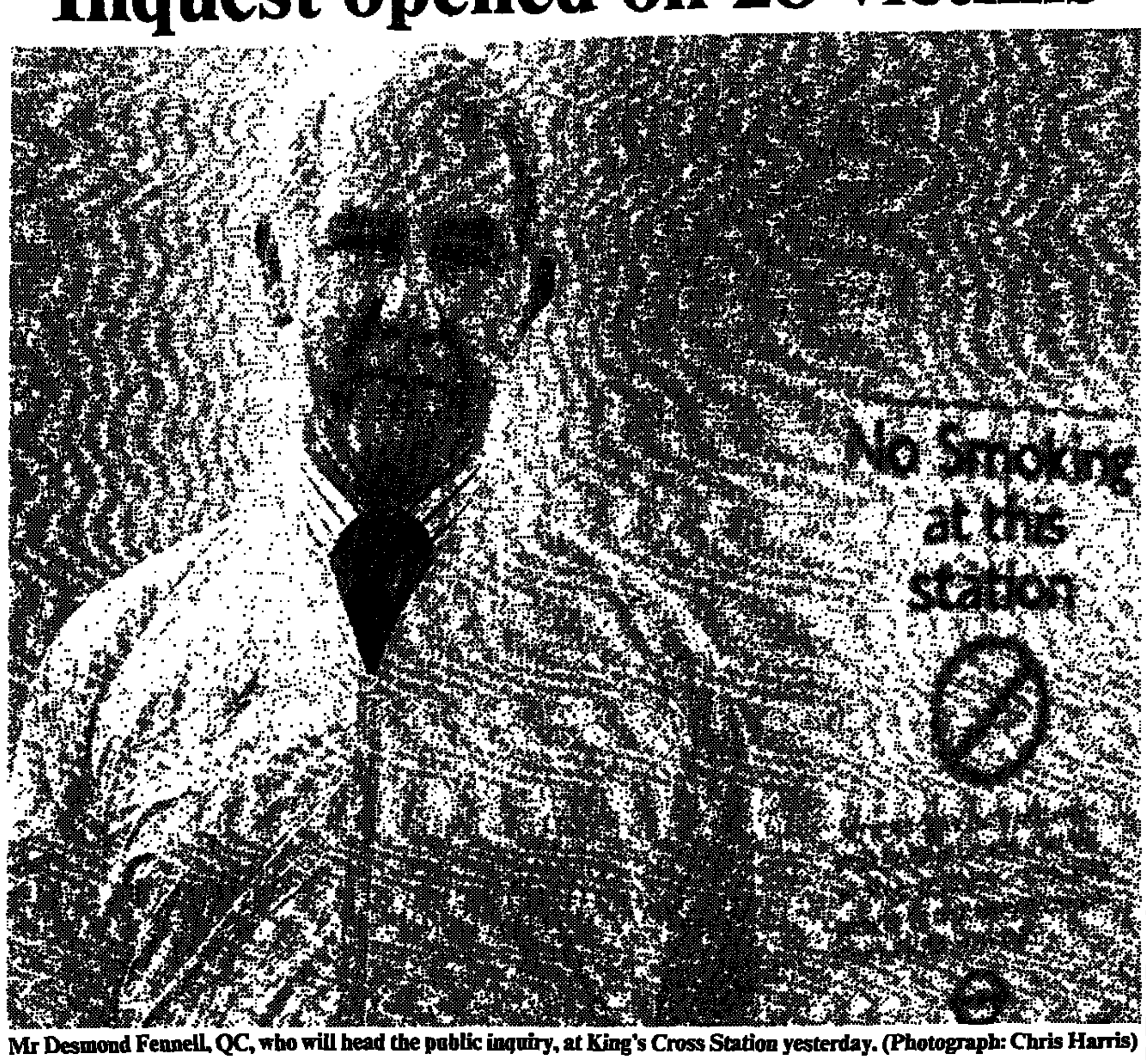
Mr Holmes said he would fight on for a similar advertising ban on London buses.

● Station Officer Colin Townsley, the fireman who died trying to rescue passengers at King's Cross, is expected to be recommended for the George Cross, the highest award for civilian bravery.

● Mr George Foulkes, the Labour MP whose attempt to outlaw smoking in all public places failed two years ago, intends make a fresh attempt in the Commons this week.

● A blaze which forced the evacuation of more than 300 patients and staff from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Boscombe on Monday has been blamed on a discarded cigarettes.

Inquest opened on 28 victims



Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, who will head the public inquiry, at King's Cross Station yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

By Tony Dawe

Sorrowing relatives filed through the converted chapel which serves as the St Pancras Coroner's Court yesterday when the inquest opened on 28 of the 30 victims of the King's Cross tragedy.

Parents came to identify their children, sons and daughters even more shakily to identify parents.

"*It is the most sorrowful occasion I can remember in this court*", Dr Douglas Chambers, the coroner, said. A small, business-like figure, he tried to spare the relatives anguish by dealing with them quietly and quickly.

He used the same form of words to each of them: "In the circumstances of this tragedy, I have got to make inquiries to establish the identity of everybody. I shall sign a form for burial and then adjourn the matter for further inquiries to be made."

The crush of relatives, police and press in the small courtroom and its surroundings was so great that the inquest began early. First to be identified was Mr Colin Townsley, the fire brigade station officer who lost his life going back into the Underground station after the first rescues. A colleague, divisional officer Michael Whitty, gave the necessary brief evidence.

The most poignant moment came with the appearance of Miss Ragini Singh to identify three of her family: her brother Rai Singh, her sister Mrs Susheila Cottle, and her nephew Dean Cottle. *She took the oath in a clear voice* and did her duty before collapsing weeping into the arms of a friend.

Miss Yvonne Holden, her face stained by tears and still in a state of shock, had to be helped to the witness box by a friend to identify her father Michael. In some cases whole families came to support the member giving evidence and the proceedings had to wait while they filed out to a side room when the identification evidence was complete.

In other cases it was just an employer who gave evidence. Ms Doreen Kenmir, a Camden Council supervisor, gave formal identification of Mr Terence Best, aged 54, a council employee. Mr Eric Harris, landlord of the Three Compasses in Dalston Lane, east London, identified Mr Ralph Humberstone, his morning cleaner. Dr Chambers said police were still trying to trace relatives of Mr Humberstone, who was aged about 50 and came from Skegness.

It took little more than an hour to complete the proceedings. At the end Mr Christopher Carling, for London Regional Transport, expressed "profound sympathy for all those who have suffered bereavement".

Dr Chambers said relatives must be gratified that burial could take place. "It is not going to bring the dead back but it means the families can get the necessary things done", he said.

Hurd in police guns pledge

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday that Britain would not become a country with a gun-toting police force.

Reacting to the two incidents in 36 hours in which gunmen were shot dead by police, Mr Hurd said: "Don't let anyone suppose from two days' tragedies that we are becoming a country with a gun-toting police force. That is not their wish and it is certainly not ours".

Mr Hurd, speaking on BBC Radio Four's *Today* programme, said: "The police in this country use guns in single figures each year, much less in the whole of England and Wales than in one big American city in, say, two or three months".

The Prime Minister, asked in the Commons yesterday about the shootings, insisted that the police must have the proper means to defend themselves against armed criminals.

Later yesterday, at the annual Home Office Standing Conference on Crime Prevention, Mr Hurd said that while violent crime rightly captured the headlines, 19 out of 20 crimes in Britain were not violent. The police, he said, were right to concentrate on violent crime and the clear-up rates were high. It was right too that the courts were increasingly hard on violent criminals.

However 19 out of 20 crimes were crimes against property which were much easier to prevent than to detect.

Mr Hurd said that there had been an amazing explosion of popular energy as Britain's Neighbourhood Watch schemes had grown from one in 1982 to more than 42,000 today, involving more than 3.5 million households.

Of the planned new National Organization for Crime Prevention, details of which have been disclosed previously by *The Times*, Mr Hurd said that he had in mind a body that would in due course be independent and free-standing of Government.

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Hurd accused, page 4

Commons sketch

The last of the summer whines

Stark boredom can be a powerful spur to the imagination. With no overnight news to get worked up about, Members on either side were driven to think of the most awful thing they could imagine and then to blame the other side for not doing anything to prevent it occurring.

Characteristically, Mr Tony Banks (Lab) came up with the day's most vivid, ghastly daydream. Because of recent health cutbacks, if the Members opposite were all to have a heart attack in the same massage parlour, St Thomas's Hospital would be under intolerable strain, he thundered.

So too would the poor masseuses, but, in the absence of a Minister for Manual Relief, Mr Banks felt that the Minister of Health should be made accountable.

From the Conservative benches, Mrs Edwina Currie smiled her knowing smile. Mr Geoffrey Dickens removed his hands from his stomach.

Mrs Currie now sports a string of pearls so long that observers suspect her of adding one every time she thinks up a new statistic. If so, it will have soon reached such a length that she will be able to lasso rogue members of the Opposition way before they have finished dreaming their awful dreams.

Before the end of Mrs Currie's stint at the Dispatch Box, Mr Dennis Skinner, normally the most devoted socialist, turned around and hurled a V-sign in the direction of a fellow backbencher, giggling all the while. Might it be that listening to too many health statistics — pay in real terms, costs in real terms, tremendous progress being made, and so on — can scramble the mind, making a man hell-bent on savaging his own kind?

Had Mrs Currie rattled off just one or two more of her dread statistics, adding more pearls to her string, doctors suggest that Mr Skinner would have crossed to the Tory benches, there to join Mr Beaumont Dark in yelling at the lefties and subversives plotting to overthrow common-sense. But luckily for Mr Skinner, Mrs Currie was cut short by the arrival of the Prime Minister.

Surprise, surprise. Mr Tony Banks also had a question for the Prime Minister. "Why is she so frightened of televising the House of Commons?" he yelped. Only when the well of other grievances has run dry does the issue of televising the House of Commons plip-plop its way into Question Time.

"I don't think it would enhance the reputation of the House", replied the Prime Minister.

"You're frightened they'd see you for what you're worth", a Labour backbencher screamed to order. Around the Chamber, Members got on with their daily business, answering correspondence, chatting to one another, leafing through old text books to find forgotten complaints to resurrect.

Opposite the Prime Minister, and apparently oblivious of her, Messrs Kinnock, Hattersley and Kaufman ragged and joshed one another as if rehearsing an inferior revival of *The Last of the Summer Wine* for the day when television cameras give them their big break.

Mr Andrew MacKay (Cons, Berkshire East), ever one to dredge the Sunday newspapers for a topical grudge, asked the Prime Minister why charges had not been brought against Miss Vanessa Redgrave for the springing of Mr George Blake.

"That is a matter for the Director of Public Prosecutions", sighed the Prime Minister.

Awoken from his nightmares, a Tory backbencher wanted to know whether Britain was going to succumb to an EEC proposal that summer time should end in September rather than October.

"We want nothing to do with it", he erupted, obviously convinced it was all part of a master plan to make winter last from October through to mid-August as part of a Scandanavian fur promotion.

"Sssssssss!" Had everyone finally dozed off, or had Mr Geoffrey Dickens suffered a puncture? No: Mr Ken Livingstone had taken to his feet. Of course, he said something hideously controversial and terrifying, but, as Members hissed themselves awake, no one could remember quite what.

Craig Brown

B-Cal merger faces second inquiry

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

British Caledonian's proposals for a merger faced another inquiry last night when the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) ordered an investigation into its link with SAS, the Scandinavian airline.

The investigation will, however, be one of the quickest ever held. Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of OFT, has given the airlines and other interested parties only until today to give their views even though formal proposals have yet to be put forward.

He has been told by Britannia Airways that "B-Cal must not be permitted to bale themselves out of their difficulties by imposing additional problems and restraints on the rest of the UK airlines".

The investigation by OFT is the same as that launched by Sir Gordon after the initial bid by British Airways and, however quickly it is concluded, could pose new problems for B-Cal, which needs an injection of cash quickly.

The biggest problems will come if, as a result of Sir Gordon's investigation, the Department of Trade and Industry calls for another investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, as the existing British Airways offer would have lapsed by the time it was completed.

Another lengthy investigation could destroy the confidence of tour operators in making forward bookings, which is believed to be why Sir Gordon is acting so quickly.

Last night, B-Cal executives were again preparing a detailed briefing for OFT on why they wanted a merger, particularly with SAS.

Mr Jan Carlzon, president of SAS, met Sir Gordon yesterday to outline his plans. "We are very impressed by the fact that the British authorities are handling this issue so fast", one of his senior staff said last night.

Meanwhile, British Airways is showing continued optimism at the prospect of its bid being accepted. Today it will send documents on its formal offer to the 2,186 B-Cal shareholders in the hope that the majority will accept it.

More than 80 per cent of the shares are held by small investors with fewer than 200 shares each. They are mainly pensioners and former employees whom BA believes will take up its offer if a ballot is held. However, the B-Cal board is likely to recommend that they hold back.

Troubled BR engineering to be sold

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The loss-making British Rail subsidiary, British Rail Engineering Ltd (Brel), is to be sold to the private sector.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, indicated yesterday in the Commons that he would look favourably on a management-worker buyout of the troubled company, which lost £170 million last year on a turnover of £452 million.

He said that Brel's four main works, at Crewe, York and two at Derby, with a total staff of 11,000, would be offered for sale as a single entity by next spring. The plant at Horwich, near Bolton, would be sold separately.

Such a course of action offered the best prospects of creating a secure, viable industry capable of diversifying beyond its current remit of building and repairing railway locomotives and rolling stock, Mr Channon told MPs.

Mr Peter Holdstock, managing director of Brel, said last night that his directors intended to bid for the company. The bid would be backed by Brel's employess, who would be offered shares, as well as "other major organizations".

However the Opposition condemned the move as a "kick in the teeth" which would mean the death of a once great industry and jeopardize its existing jobs.

Mr Robert Hughes, Labour's chief spokesman on transport, said Mr Channon's statement confirmed the cynical manipulation and betrayal of the Brel workforce. Its numbers would have fallen from 35,000 to 7,500 by next April under the Tories.

The response of the Government and BR management to the self-sacrifice of staff had been contemptible. BR chiefs had limited their investment to redundancy cheques to the tune of £170 million.

Mr Channon said Sir Robert Reid, chairman of BR, had recommended that the company be put on the market as soon as possible. He said ministerial approval would be needed before a sale went ahead and that the BR board and its merchant bank advisers would take the lead in developing plans for the disposal.

Brel, which currently has orders of more than £300 million, was awarded a £69 million contract last week to build 200 express trains for provincial lines.

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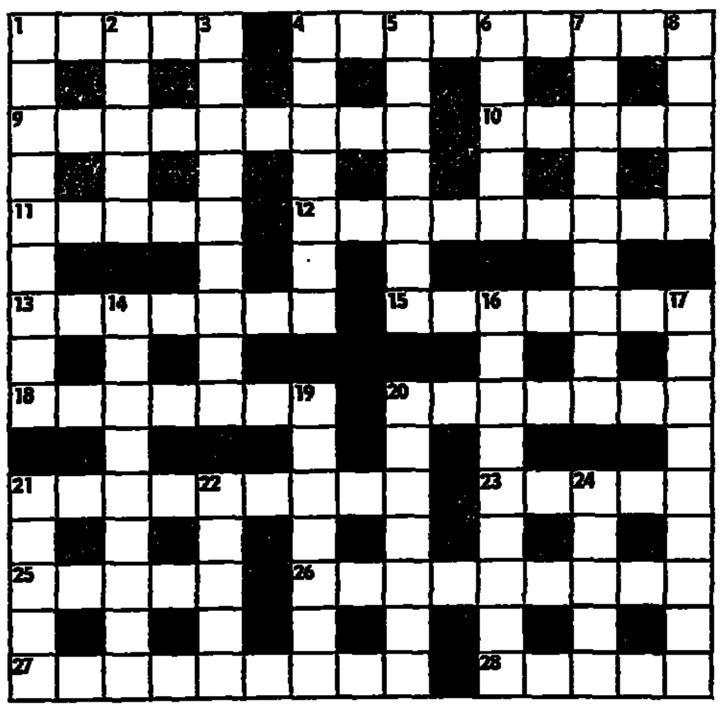

ACROSS

1 Leader dropped from modest expedition (5).
4 Hunt after short cuts supported by runners (3-6).
9 Eulogistic archbishop accompanying a politician (9).
10 Question about a bribe that's been returned (5).
11 Much favoured, the Spanish holiday accommodation (5).
12 Characters from Argentine or from Morocco (9).
13 Barman, one who tries to go around quietly (7).
15 Run down advertising during break in the action (7).
18 It's very difficult when threads get broken (7).
20 26-0 – fast and furious (7).
21 Pantry not full yet? (5-4).
23 Transport to an Indian island (5).
25 The sole answer? (5)
26 Defect after drawing a weapon (9).
27 Rustic managed this foreign bar (9).
28 Junior and senior pressmen jointly raised to power (5).

DOWN

1 Footballer over 27 is not spoken of (4-5).
2 Dwarf in dangerous trick (5).
3 Decoration on shoulder and bottom of costume on girl (9).
4 Swimmer cured using money put in the hat (7).
5 Bit of the sea I tried at first to run through (7).
6 When talking, Scandinavians turn away (5).
7 Society changed its tune about it (9).
8 With orders to admit the press (5).
14 Fruit being about .03937" in length (9).
16 So topical a conversion of the pope (9).
17 Key line in dialling system cut off (9).
19 Do trend to move underfoot (7).
20 See an animal make tracks (7).
21 Slim girl finishes elevenses, may well skip lunch (5).
22 It's put inside a ship (5).
24 Dives to catch ball in the air after line-out (5).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

FLETCHERISM
a. The art of making arrows
b. Hypochondria
c. Excessive munching

CHITTERING-BITE
a. A blade for a saw
b. Bread to stop teeth chattering
c. A colony of starlings

ALPHONSIN
a. A forceps
b. A gaucho of the pampas
c. Member of an order of hermits

OREO
a. A Black who apes Whites.
b. A kind of eclipse
c. *Fool's Gold*

PARURE
a. The water meadows of the Ure
b. A panoply
c. A set of jewels

Solutions page 22, column 8

Solution to Puzzle No 17,522

ONBOARD■WICKLOW
V■R■S■I■E■O■I■A
EPOCH■STABLEBOY
R■A■E■M■L■D■E■W
LADYSMAID■CELIA
A■C■■■N■■■R■■■R
PRANK■TWICETOLD
■■S■N■L■N■A■L■■
PATRONESS■MIDAS
O■■■C■■■U■■■B■U
SPARK■CARDSHARP
S■D■D■O■G■I■I■R
ELABORATE■BELIE
S■P■W■S■N■Y■E■M
SATINET■TALLYHO

WEATHER

Little change, though in the extreme north-west the winds will become lighter and showers fewer while in the south-east the winds will become stronger with some persistent rain. The west will again benefit from the best of the sunshine. Some showers may be heavy, with perhaps hail, sleet or snow in the north and on high ground. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Little change but becoming mostly dry.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	r	10	50	Malaga	s	14	57
Akrotiri	s	22	72	Malta	s	21	70
Alex'dria	s	24	75	Melb'rne	c	16	61
Algiers	f	14	57	Mexico C*	s	20	68
Amst'dm	c	5	41	Miami*	f	25	77
Athens	f	18	64	Milan	r	7	45
Bahrain	s	26	79	Montreal*	f	2	36
Barbads*	c	27	81	Moscow	sn	-6	21
Barcelna	s	12	54	Munich	f	3	37
Belgrade	f	11	52	Nairobi	f	25	77
Berlin	c	2	36	Naples	c	19	66
Bermuda*	r	20	68	N Delhi	s	26	79
Biarritz	c	7	45	N York*	s	11	52
B Aires*	c	19	66	Paris	f	6	43
Cairo	s	24	75	Peking	c	3	37
Cape Tn	f	20	68	Perth	s	21	70
C'blanca	c	16	61	Prague	c	3	37
Chicago*	c	13	55	Reykjvik	d	4	39
Ch'church	f	17	63	Rhodes	s	19	66
Cologne	f	5	41	Rio de J	c	24	75
C'phagn	c	5	41	Riyadh	s	30	86
Corfu	f	18	64	Rome	r	18	64
Dublin	c	7	45	Salzburg	f	8	46
Dubrovnik	c	15	59	S F'risco*	s	13	55
Faro	c	15	59	Santiago*	s	22	72
Florence	r	13	55	S Paulo*	c	21	70
Frankfurt	f	4	39	Seoul	s	9	48
Funchal	c	17	63	Sing'por	f	33	91
Geneva	c	5	41	St'kholm	f	2	36
Gibraltar	s	13	55	Strasb'rg	f	3	37
Helsinki	c	-9	16	Sydney	f	26	79
Hong K	s	25	77	Tangier	f	15	59
Innsbrck	f	4	39	Tel aviv	s	24	75
Istanbul	s	18	64	Tenerife	f	22	72
Jeddah	s	31	88	Tokyo	s	15	59
Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Toronto*	f	8	46
L Palmas	s	22	72	Tunis	f	21	70
Le Tquet	f	8	46	Valencia	s	11	52

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	-	.42	8	46	shower
Bridlington	0.6	.53	9	48	shower
Lowestoft	1.0	.06	7	45	shower
Clacton	2.5	-	6	43	bright
Folkestone	0.3	.02	5	41	shower
Brighton	1.0	.03	4	39	cloudy
Worthing	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Southsea	0.4	.01	6	43	cloudy
Sandown	1.0	-	6	43	shower
Bournemth	5.3	-	7	45	bright
Swanage	5.5	-	7	45	sunny
Exmouth	5.8	.01	7	45	sunny
Teignmouth	5.9	.07	7	45	sunny
Falmouth	3.1	.45	7	45	shower
Scilly Isles	0.3	.38	8	46	shower
Newquay	2.0	.18	8	46	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.10	9	48	shower
Minehead	3.3	.12	7	45	bright
Morecambe	1.9	.01	8	46	shower
Douglas	*	.01	8	46	bright
Carlisle	0.5	.02	8	46	shower
Nottingham	0.4	.14	6	43	shower
Anglesey	2.8	.15	9	48	hail
Tenby	2.8	.52	8	46	rain
Aviemore	0.8	.62	6	43	shower
Eskdalemuir	2.0	.16	5	41	shower
Glasgow	3.5	-	8	46	bright
Kinloss	2.1	.29	8	46	dull
Prestwick	4.9	-	8	46	bright
Stornoway	1.4	.07	7	45	shower
Tiree	3.6	.13	9	48	shower
Wick	2.2	.32	8	46	shower
Belfast	7.2	.03	8	46	sunny

* Denotes figures not available
These are Monday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.03	6.9	4.33	7.1
Aberdeen	3.48	4.1	3.52	4.1
Avonmouth	9.43	12.2	10.10	11.8
Belfast	1.13	3.4	1.33	3.6
Cardiff	9.28	11.3	9.55	11.0
Devonport	8.13	5.3	8.49	5.0
Dover	1.09	6.4	1.31	6.2
Falmouth	7.43	5.1	8.19	4.8
Glasgow	2.58	4.7	3.11	4.9
Harwich	1.55	3.8	2.23	3.9
Holyhead	12.27	5.3	12.48	5.5
Hull	8.46	6.9	8.56	6.9
Ilfracombe	8.19	8.8	8.46	8.4
Leith	5.04	5.4	5.22	5.2
Liverpool	1.20	9.0	1.42	9.0
Lowestoft	—	—	12.03	2.4
Margate	2.09	4.7	2.39	4.7
Milford Haven	8.40	6.7	9.08	6.3
Newquay	7.32	6.7	8.01	6.4
Oban	7.59	3.9	8.19	3.5
Penzance	7.17	5.4	7.55	5.1
Portland	9.21	2.2	9.56	1.9
Portsmouth	1.45	4.5	1.57	4.4
Shoreham	1.25	6.1	1.40	6.0
Southampton	1.06	4.4	1.18	4.3
Swansea	8.42	9.1	9.07	8.7
Tees	6.10	5.1	6.18	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	1.45	4.0	2.18	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

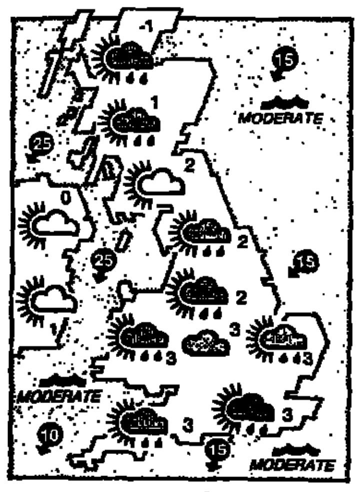
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.65	2.53
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	65.10	61.90
Canada $	2.42	2.30
Denmark Kr	11.96	11.36
Finland Mkk	7.85	7.25
France Fr	10.49	9.99
Germany Dm	3.105	2.945
Greece Dr	275	265
Hong Kong $	14.30	13.60
Ireland Pt	1.166	1.106
Italy Lira	2275	2165
Japan Yen	251	239
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	11.98	11.33
Portugal Esc	253	238
South Africa Rd	4.50	3.80
Spain Pta	208.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.65
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.855	1.765
Yugoslavia Dnr	3200	2500

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed up 25.8 at 1335.2.

AM



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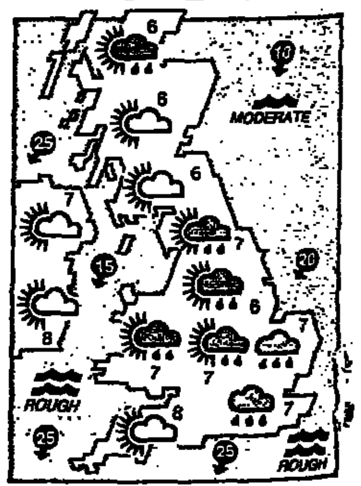

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.17in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.6 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.7 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	6	43	Guernsey	r	8	46
B'rmgham	r	6	43	Inverness	f	3	37
Blackpool	s	7	45	Jersey	c	8	46
Bristol	c	7	45	London	f	8	46
Cardiff	c	7	45	M'nchster	c	8	46
Edinburgh	s	5	41	Newcastle	r	6	43
Glasgow	s	6	43	R'ldsway	f	7	45

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.30 pm to 7.06 am
Bristol 4.40 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 4.21 pm to 7.40 am
Manchester 4.30 pm to 7.23 am
Penzance 4.58 pm to 7.22 am

Sun rises: 7.34 am
Sun sets: 4.00 pm
Moon rises 12.17 pm
Moon sets 8.01 pm
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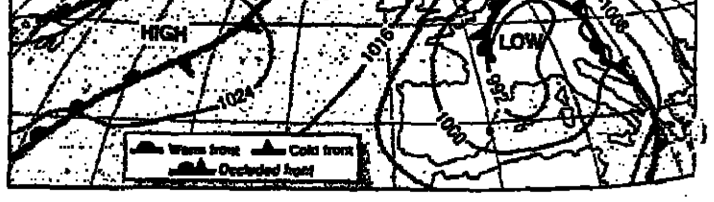
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Round Island, Isles of Scilly, 9C (48F); lowest day max: Anst Green, Kent, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Drabag, Highland, 1.02 in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 7.2 hr.

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1335.2 (+25.8)

FT-SE 100
1689.1 (+31.4)

Bargains
24801 (24205)

USM (Datastream)
133.95 (+0.19)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7715 (−0.0170)

W German mark
2.9823 (−0.0027)

Trade-weighted
75.4 (−0.3)

EEC and Japan in trade deal

Brussels (AP) — Foreign ministers of the European Economic Community countries yesterday agreed to drop their threat to raise tariffs on Japanese electronic products in exchange for better market access in Japan for Spanish and Portuguese exports.

The deal was negotiated by the European Commission and Japanese trade officials. France voted against because it objects to the terms of the deal: *The EEC had threatened* to increase tariffs unless Tokyo offered compensation for the trade benefits it has enjoyed since Spain and Portugal *joined the EEC.*

Powell ahead

Powell Duffryn, the fuel distribution and storage, engineering and shipping group, reported a 10 per cent increase in pretax profits to £11.5 million in the six months to end-September. Turnover was 4 per cent higher at £312.9 *million*. An interim dividend of 5.25p was declared (4.75p).

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£5m Readicut

Pretax profits at Readicut International, reflecting organic growth and acquisition benefits in the six months ended September, rose from £3.01 million to £5.21 million, on a turnover of £81.7 million (£63.6 million). The interim dividend rises from 0.25p to 0.38p a share. Professor Roland Smith, the chairman, says prospects are good.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1964.85 (+41.77)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	*22856.02 (+150.46)*
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2134.84 (−6.87)
Amsterdam: Gen	*n/a*
Sydney: AO	1266.0 (+15.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1376.4 (+55.9)
Brussels:	
General	3831.7 (+18.1)
Paris: CAC	295.8 (+6.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen	444.5 (−60.2)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	844.66 (+15.02)
FT.—"500"	933.75 (+17.19)
FT. Gold Mines	312.3 (+19.3)
FT. Fixed interest	95.73 (−0.18)
FT. Govt Secs	90.45 (−0.16)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Beecham	453p (+20p)
Grand Met.	404p (+11p)
Vibroplant	555p (+65p)
MK Electric	555p (+145p)
Fisons	280p (+20p)
VSEL	480p (+20p)
Volex	345p (+15p)
Anchor Chemical	602p (+28p)
Henderson Admin.	600p (+25p)
Plessey	146p (+12p)
J Mowlem	344p (+14p)
Norcros	355p (+21p)
Reuters	455p (+21p)
Siebe	266p (+18p)
Barton Transport	775p (+50p)
Hestair	244p (+13p)
Cons. Gold	802p (+65p)
FALLS:	
Parrish	500p (−25p)
Jackson Bourne	372p (−15p)
BPB Industries	247p (−25p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 9-8⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 8 23/32-8 19/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.70-5.68%*
30-year bonds 100 7/32-100 9/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7715	£: $1.7725*
£: DM2.9823	$: DM1.6870*
£: SwFr2.4518	$: SwFr1.3852*
£: FFr10.1064	$: FFr5.7170*
£: Yen239.86	$: Yen135.50*
£: Index:75.4	$: Index:96.5
ECU £0.690579	SDR £0.757853

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $476.95 pm-$475.00
close $473.50-474.00 (£266.50-267.00)
New York:
Comex $473.80-474.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm $18.10bbl ($18.11)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Allied-Lyons in £572m deal

Canadian drinks group bought out

By Alison Eadie

Allied-Lyons, the drinks and foods group, is paying £572 million for the 49 per cent of Hiram Walker it does not already own.

Allied paid £650 million just over a year ago for 51 per cent of Hiram, the Canadian drinks business whose brand names include Canadian Club and Ballantine's Scotch.

The City greeted the deal as sensible and generally positive and Allied's shares moved up 4p to 342p. The market had *feared that a rights issue* would be required to finance buying out the 49 per cent stake, a move which would be seen as suicidal in today's *markets*.

The deal will be financed by *a payment to GW Utilities*, the Canadian minority owner, of £74 million in cash and the issue of preference shares convertible into 80.9 million ordinary shares. Based on a conversion price of 457p, the value of the shares is a net *£370 million. In addition* GW's existing holding of preference shares in Hiram Walker will be acquired by Allied at a par value of £128 *million*.

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman of Allied, said the decision to buy out the remaining stake was made to remove uncertainty and to allow Allied greater management freedom in putting companies together.

Allied had a call option on the 49 per cent stake exercisable on December 9 next year and GW had an equivalent put option. However, the price then would have been linked to Hiram Walker's earnings, which could have *resulted in Allied paying* substantially more.

Hiram Walker yesterday announced interim pretax profits to the end of August of *£57.6 million on sales of* £388.1 million, generally higher than the market had been expecting.

Borrowings taken out to finance the deal will push Allied's end-year gearing to *about 65 per cent from an* expected 50 per cent, but will come down rapidly due to strong cash flow, Sir Derrick said.

Gearing after acquiring the 51 per cent interest was more than 75 per cent. Analysts reckon that there will be only minimal earnings dilution of about *1* per cent.

The convertible preference, when converted to ordinary shares, will amount to 10 per cent of Allied's enlarged equity. Mr Marshall Cohen, the GW Utilities chairman, said the transaction would benefit GW shareholders by trading a minority position for a significant interest in the much larger businesses of Allied-Lyons.

He added that bringing the two comanies together would complete the full integration of the distilled spirits businesses, by developing joint production, distribution and marketing.

Sir Derrick said that although the purchase price was £572 million, based on a conversion price of 457p per share, a more *realistic price for the 6½ percent convertible* in today's market would give a purchase price nearer £465 million.

The deal has been seen in the City as making Allied bid-proof. *The Australian financier, Mr Alan Bond, whose* Bond Corporation markets Swan lager among other things, has built up a 3.1 per cent stake in Allied in recent weeks.

The original purchase of Hiram Walker was viewed by some at the time as a defensive move against the bid by Elders IXL, the Australian company.

Allied-Lyons' *interim* results are due out next Tuesday and analysts are expecting pretax profits of about £195 *million*, compared with £148 million in the previous first half.

Then there were seven: soft sell for UK airports

Bearing up: Sir Norman Payne, chairman of BAA (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

BAA profit soars by £26m

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

More than 1 million shareholders in BAA, the newly *privatized company that owns* seven British airports including Heathrow and Gatwick, sold out at a profit within weeks of the flotation in July, *it emerged yesterday.*

The company, which yesterday announced a £26 million increase in half-year pretax profits to £136 million, was sold to 2.2 million shareholders at a fixed price of 245p a share with an initial instalment of £1 a share.

Indications yesterday were that those who sold their shares did so in the first month at a price of about 140p and before the stock market crash. *Yesterday*, BAA partly paid shares were down 8p to the original privatization asking price of 100p.

Sir Norman Payne, the BAA chairman, said he was "not disappointed at all" by the level of share sales. And City analysts, while describing the half-year results as slightly *below expectations, said the* sale of shares was not surprising.

Sir Norman said it was typical of recent trends and the register was now compatible with similar stock. He added that 98 *per cent* of employees still held shares.

Figures from Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, show that shareholders in other key *privatizations have also sold* within months of the *flotations*.

Jaguar's original 125,000 shareholders were down to 36,000 by March this year and British Telecom's to 1.4 mil*lion from 2.3 million. Britoil* now has 225,000 against an initial 450,000. BA is down to 420,000 from 1.2 million and British Gas to 3.1 million *from 4.5 million.*

The BAA half-year profit figure is already £12 million ahead of the profits for the whole of last year when traffic *through the airports* was hit by the aftermath of Chernobyl and the continuing impact of terrorist incidents on American tourist traffic

Sir Norman said that in comparison with "the more *normal year*" of 1985, a compound growth of 8.4 per cent a year for the first six months "reflects a strong underlying characteristic of *our business*."

In the first half, the total number of passengers rose by 5 million to 36.4 million, South-east traffic rose by 16.7 per cent and in Scotland the airports at Glasgow, Prestwick and Edinburgh showed growth of 11.1 per cent.

BAA said the second half had started well but gave warning that upheavals in world markets might have some impact on traffic levels. Analysts are forecasting pretax profits of £151 million for the year.

The interim dividend is 3p and the directors are forecast*ing a total* of not less than 7.25p for the full year.

Sir Norman said that traffic growth at Heathrow was 13.7 per cent and all records were broken with the airport handling 100,000 passengers a day in the six months.

On the proposed BA/B-Cal merger, Sir Norman said: "We would wish to ensure that the current balance between scheduled and *charter* at Gatwick is not seriously disturbed. We are in a position to react quickly and adjust to any outcome of the current negotiations."

He said that in the next five years the company planned to make £850 million of capital investments, including the proposed 16-minute rapid rail link between Paddington and Heathrow

CEGB planning to burn gas in power stations

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The electricity industry is preparing to compete directly against British Gas to buy natural gas supplies from the *North Sea to burn in* a new generation of power stations.

The move will require a change in existing European Economic Community law. This prevents gas being used for anything but "premium" use and has kept it out of the power-generation market.

However, the Central Electricity Generating Board will support moves by oil com*panies with North Sea gas* fields to have this EEC rule changed when it is due for review next year.

The CEGBneeds to increase its output by 13,000 megawatts by the end of this century to *keep* pace with predicted demand. It already has plans to build four pressurized water-cooled nuclear power stations and three large coal-fired stations. *However, planning delays* could mean the CEGB will be unable to meet that target.

It is, therefore, considering *building a network of smaller* gas turbine stations — they could be built quickly on existing CEGB sites and produce power within two years *of construction starting* — or installing new burners in some of its moth-balled oil-fired stations which would allow it to meet the demand.

The advantage of natural gas, although it is expensive compared with coal and probably more expensive than oil, *is that it is environmentally* acceptable and no expensive emission-cleaning equipment would be needed.

The key to the economics of the stations would be where *the* gas comes from. It is understood that the CEGB, or private generators that may move into the market after privatization, would prefer to bypass British Gas and buy direct from the oil companies operating in the North Sea.

Many oil companies are sitting on discoveries of gas made over the past 15 years, but which have yet to be sold to British Gas. It is understood that London & Scottish Marine Oil and Mobil are among companies already looking at the opportunities that electricity privatization and new developments in gas turbine burning technology will present for offshore gas in the next decade.

Losses at stockbroker

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroker 30 per cent owned by Hambros plc, is withdrawing its share dealing services from private clients.

Mr Christopher Sporborg, the head of Hambros's non-banking operations, said it was making the move because of the expense of handling small share transactions. It did not cover its costs, he said.

Strauss contributed a *£613,000 loss to Hambros's* interim results, announced yesterday, compared with a £870,000 profit over the same period last year.

Hambros made an overall pretax profit for the six months to September 30 of *£36.6 million, an increase of* 46 per cent. Non-banking activites, including estate agency, contributed £21.9 million compared with £19.6 *million from banking* operations, before costs and overheads.

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Eurotunnel perks guide

Eurotunnel *yesterday* issued further guidelines on the travel perks which it is giving to successful applicants for shares in its £750 million *share issue.*

The company reiterated the basic principle that the travel perks belong to individuals who successfully apply in their *own name. They are generally* lost when the shares are sold or transferred although there are two exceptions to this rule.

The first applies to children *under 18. They cannot apply* in their own name but applications can be made on their behalf by their parents, grandparents or guardians.

If this is done, the ownership of the shares can be *transferred to the child* when he or she reaches 18.

The second exception to the general rule against the transfer of perks permits two adults to put in a joint application.

If successful the first-named applicant will have the sole right to the travel perks but on *his or her death these rights* will be transferred

UK trade deficit at £882m in October

By Graham Searjeant, *Financial Editor*

Britain's visible trade deficit *widened to £882 million* in October from £617 million in September, due to a 2.4 per cent fall in exports, mainly manufactures.

Allowing for a projected £600 million surplus on invisible items, *the balance of* payments showed an estimated £282 million deficit for the month on current account, up from £17 million in September *but lower than the* deficits of £325 million and £907 million in July and August.

The October current account figures were in line with expectations and had little direct effect in financial markets. City forecasts had varied between a £200 million and £450 million deficit with an average of £300 million.

But monthly deficits would have to be much higher for the last three months of the year if *the 1987 current account* deficit as a whole were to reach the £2.5 billion estimated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Autumn Statement

After ten months, the overall balance of payments deficit has only reached £1,053 m

In October, imports rose 1.3 per cent to £7,749 million and exports fell by 2.4 per cent to £6,867 million.

Interest rate cuts start in Europe

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Money market rates fell in Germany and France yesterday in moves which were seen as a first response to the agreement on cuts in the US budget deficit. The dollar *responded by strengthening.*

Although the discount rate was unchanged, the Bundesbank cut that for weekly repurchases of securities by ¼ per cent from 3.5 per cent to 3.25 per cent. German savings bonds were reduced from 5.41 per cent to 5.36 per cent.

In a co-ordinated move the Bank of France also reduced its repurchase rate by ¼ per cent bringing it down from 8.75 per cent to 8.5 per cent. The dollar opened about ½ pfennig higher in response to *the fall in German rates at* DM1.6742

Institutions returned in force to the London stock market yesterday for the first *time since "Black Monday"* and soon chasedshare prices higher The FT-SE 100 closed just below its best levels of the day with a rise of 31.4 at 1,689.1 having been 36.7 higher

Dealers said fund managers had been encouraged by signs of a revival of takeovers, the better-than-expected October trade figures and a firm start on Wall Street where the Dow Jones index was up 44.59 at 1,967.67 in early trade.

Five inquiries into what went wrong on Black Monday

Wall St fears more regulation

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Wall Street, currently in the midst of the biggest retrenchment in a decade, is also bracing itself for more government re*regulation which many* officials fear will further retard growth.

In the wake of the market plunge on "Black Monday," there are more than five independent investigations under *way to* explain what went wrong and to recommend changes. This is a level of scrutiny not seen since the Great Crash of 1929.

Mr John Phelan, the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, is a strong advocate of reform but he cautions that Washington must make a measured response to ensure the regulation pendulum does not swing too far to systemic restraints.

The international factor will also have to looked at in detail by the governments of the leading trading *nations*. "We *are* now dealing with world markets — not *only equities* but currencies and debt. When all that comes tumbling down, you need an entirely different mechanism than you had five years ago," Mr Phelan said.

Officials conducting the investigations agree that the cures advocated will mirror the extent of the damage which has resulted from the market's massive. *500-point plunge This is still unknown*

But based on the layoffs and proposed mergers in the aftermath of the crash, it is clear that the damage was worse than first reported, officials said.

Shearson Lehman Brothers led the first wave of cost-cutting, announcing layoffs of more than 800 employees which occurred one week before the market's crash. The cutbacks were attributed to losses in the municipal bond markets. Shearson indicated last week it was considering additional layoffs.

But after the crash, EF Hutton and LF Rothschild also announced layoffs and cutbacks in numerous departments. Drexel Burnham Lambert laid off 100 employees last week and told staff that it *would report a loss in October. Goldman* Sachs released up to 100 bond salesmen and money market professionals and hinted that more would follow.

Kidder Peabody has launched a company-wide, cost-cutting review and has laid off staff First Boston is also reviewing operations. Overall, there is a *general unease on Wall Street over the* prospects for 1988 which have been heightened by the large number of government investigations. The White House has appointed a high-level team, led by Mr Nicholas Brady, the co-chairman of Dillon Read, which will report to President Reagan by the end of the year on *the causes of the crash. This* study is expected to be the first to make specific recommendations.

But others, conducted by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, the Senate Banking Committee, The New York Stock Exchange and the *House Energy and Commerce* Committee, are expected to recommend more far-reaching changes.

Issues undergoing the most scrutiny, in addition to the international connection, are the market-making systems of the exchanges which also broke down under the heavy trading volume on Black Monday; computerized trading techniques, stock-index futures, margin requirements, the impact of institutional trading on markets and the adequacies of links among the regulatory agencies

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STOCK MARKETS

Glaxo rides out French price threat

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

The French government is putting pressure on Glaxo, the pharmaceutical group, *to reduce* the price of Zantac, its best-selling anti-ulcer drug, by at least one-third throughout France.

Glaxo yesterday confirmed to *The Times* that the French ministry of social security has produced a new price list and is looking for some hefty reductions in the cost of drugs, including Zantac. The group's French subsidiary, Naboratoires *Glaxo, is still in* negotiations with the French authorities and hoping to reach an agreement.

Sales of Zantac in France are only a small proportion of total sales of £800 million worldwide.

The French government is noted for its strong line on drug pricing but dealers fear the implications for *Glaxo, if* the French get their own way.

Other governments could follow suit, including the US, which makes up the bulk of Zantac sales. The US medical authorities are already looking for cutbacks in expenditure and might easily decide to *follow the lead of the* French.

There are also worries that *if Glaxo fails to reach agreement*, the French authorities may move against the practice of allowing free market forces to dictate pricing arrangements.

The Glaxo *share price finished* up 39p at £10.95 despite the French price pressure.

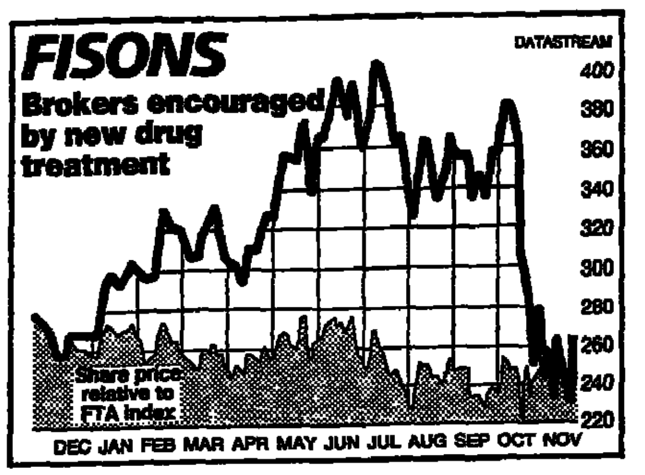
Still in the pharmaceutical sector, **Beecham** advanced *13p to* 450p following a bullish seminar at Hoare Govett, the broker. More than 3 million shares were traded.

Fisons, the pharmaceuticals group, attracted solid support, closing 20p higher at 260p, after 263p, as 3.4 million shares were traded.

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, was said to be a big buyer of the shares, which very nearly halved in value during the crash because of concern about its exposure *to the dollar*. However, they now look to be on course for a good recovery at least to the £3-level in the short term if the remarks made by Mr John Aldersley, the pharmaceuticals analyst at CSV, are anything *to go by*.

● Plessey, the electronics group, stood out with a 10p rise to 144p as about 10 million shares changed hands. The market is convinced the group is about to announce some long awaited boardroom changes *after the resignations* of Mr Michael Clark, deputy chairman, and Sir James Blyth, managing director.

Fisons remains Mr Aldersley's favourite stock in the sector. He has always been bullish about the group's prospects, but yesterday re-emphasized the "potential of Pentamidine, an existing drug, which Fisons has developed in aerosol form and found to be effective in the treatment of PCP, *a form of pneumonia*, which commonly affects some 60 per cent of Aids sufferers."


FISONS

Brokers encouraged by new drug treatment

Fisons revealed just before the October crash that Pentamidine had been awarded "orphan-drug" status in the US. This means that if it gets approval before a rival completes *testing the same* product, Fisons will be allowed to sell the drug for seven years free of competition.

Mr Aldersley believes Pentamidine and Tilade, its new respiratory drug, provide the company with "excellent *long-term potential*." *More* importantly, investors should be comforted by the knowledge that Fisons has covered itself against the depreciation *of the dollar* for 1988 and should continue to boost earnings growth at *20* per cent per annum.

In September, Fisons reported interim pretax profits up 20 per cent to £44.6 million on turnover £46 million higher at £374 million.

The rest of the equity market appeared to be in fine fettle as institutional investors made a welcome return encouraged by the news of a softening of money market rates in *Europe* and an *increase* in corporate activity. Sentiment was also helped by the better than expected October trade figures and a firm start to trading on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 31.4 up at 1,689.1 after being 36.7 up. The narrower FT 30 share index gained 25.8 to close at 1,335.2.

Government securities reversed earlier falls of up to £½, helped *by the prospect of* cheaper money.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest glass manufacturer, enjoyed another 7p rise *to 220p* as turnover hit almost 2 million *shares*.

Mr Antony Pilkington, the *chairman*, is said *to have* made a good impression in *Tokyo where* he has been speaking to Japanese fund managers. This has coincided with the talk that BTR, the cash-rich conglomerate, which narrowly failed in a bid for Pilkington earlier this year, may renew its offer in the new year when it is again allowed to do so.

BPB Industries, the plasterboard group, whose near-monopoly of British sales is *under threat, came under* renewed selling pressure and closed 25p down at 248p.

Reports that a West German group intends to build a plaster board factory in the South-east of England depressed followers of BPB who fear that its margins will be *put under further pressure*.

● A seminar on agency businesses was held by Phillips & Drew, the broker, yesterday for fund managers. Guests included directors of *Blue Arrow, up 5p* at 94p, and Saatchi & Saatchi, 17p better at *377p*. Saatchi will be holding its own get-together with fund managers later today.

Already the *British* market *for plasterboard* is facing increasing competition following a decision by Redland, the British *building* materials producer, and CSR, the Australian building materials, resources and sugar group, *to establish a* joint venture to make plasterboard in Britain using imported raw materials.

MK Electric soared 141p to 555p after the surprise 550p-a-share (£206.5 million) cash offer from **RTZ**, the mining finance group, which closed 18p to the good at 333p.

The new bid development, which came *hard on the heels* of Monday's offers for Allied Colloids and Eucalyptus Pulp, quickly whetted speculators' appetites. They were soon looking around for the next likely takeover candidate.

Bridon, the wire manufacturer, advanced 22p to 127p after confirmation that somebody had been stalking the shares. *Carclo Engineering*, the Yorkshire-based mini-*conglomerate*, which recently failed in its £25 million takeover bid for Deritend Stamping, has emerged as the holder of a 5.1 per cent stake. Carclo closed 3p better at 137p.

Hopes are now obviously high that Carclo will launch a full-scale offer for Bridon, which has often been tipped as a bid target. Earlier this year *both* Lonrho and Williams Holdings were mentioned as possible bidders.

Delta Group, the cable and *electrical equipment* maker, drew encouragement from the MK Electric bid and was also the subject of revived speculative support. The shares closed the session 16p better at 213p as buyers found the market short of stock.

In August, Delta made an unsuccessful £70 million bid attempt for George H Scholes, the manufacturer of circuit breakers, and since then dealers have been concerned that it could be tempted into an unwise bid in an effort to make up for the disappointment *of losing* Scholes.

However, some observers *now believe that* a bid *for* Delta is more on the cards with predators attracted to the company by its cash pile and the fact that it has been virtually ungeared since the year-end.

Magnet & Southerns, the builders' merchant and DIY group, jumped to finish 9p dearer at 172p ahead of interim *figures later today. Analysts* are looking for pretax profits of between £20 million and £22 million compared with £20 million last time. Earlier this year they cut their forecasts from £70 million to around *£52 million* worried by the delay in new store *openings*.

Allied Lyons recovered an *early fall after announcing* plans to buy the 49 per cent minority holding in Canadian drinks group, Hiram Walker, from GW Utilities, a company controlled by Olympia and York, for £572 million. Allied finished the day 5p *higher* at 343p on turnover of almost 7 *million shares*.

Greenall Whitley, the largest of *the regional brewers*, rose 2p to 187p ahead of interim figures later today. Brokers such as Morgan Grenfell are looking for pretax profits of £39 million against £33.7 million last time.

Elsewhere in the drinks sector, prices were marked higher in response to the news of cheaper money and early *indications* that the *pre-*Christmas spending spree was under way. Bass scored a 5p rise at 785p along with **Grand Metropolitan** up 10p at 404p and **Whitbread** 'A' up 7p to 278p.

Matthew Hall, the engineering designer and contractor, rose by 4p to 143p. The rise accompanied news that its *Qualter Hall subsidiary had* been awarded a £10 million-plus contract to equip the two new mineshafts at British Coal's Asfordby Mine in the Nottinghamshire area.

Shares of **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, the food manufacturer, moved up 6p to 297p as dealers continued to dream that Goodman Fielder, the *Australian group, which holds* a 29.9 per cent stake in the company, will soon launch a bid.

Radio City tunes into profit sound

Radio City (Sound of Merseyside) turned in operating profits of *£400,000* for the year to September 30 against a loss of £94,000 last time. With figures in £000, turnover rose to 2,874 (2,385) and profit before rental to 641 (187).

There was an extraordinary charge of 297 (credit 40), leaving a loss of 92 (loss 179). Earnings per share were up to 7.88p (5.35p loss per share). *The company is not paying* any final dividend.

The extraordinary charge represnts the final write-off on the Beatle City operations including losses on the sale of the exhibition and Seal Street premises. The radio station continues its improved *performance*.

Nevada Goldfields

Nevada Goldfields Corporation has signed a $31 million (£17.3 million) letter of credit with Standard Chartered Australia. The financing includes a $15 million letter of credit with an option for expansion to $22 *million*. Nevada produces gold from its Kingston mine and will shortly commission its second gold-producer in Nevada, the Aurora mine. The company has applied for a listing on Nasdaq.

Total Erickson

Total Erickson's net earnings for the nine months to September 30 were Can$2.7 million (£1.15 million), or 9 cents a share, against a comparable loss of Can$500,000 (2 cents a share). Operational cash-flow was *Can$8.4m* (Can $283,000). The company has a strong financial position, with cash and liquid assets exceeding Can$14 million, a Can$10 million available bank line of credit and two mining operations producing good cash-flows.

Fred Cooper buy

Fred Cooper has acquired the fixed assets including the name and trading stocks of JMV, the Wolverhampton-based manufacturer and supplier of plant and machinery. JMV will be incorporated in Fred Cooper's specialist engineering division.

Dean & Bowes

Dean & Bowes Group has purchased R & G Blinds. The consideration of £200,000 is to be satisfied by the issue of new Dean & Bowes ordinary shares.

TR trust debut

TR Pacific Investment Trust, managed by Touche, Remnant & Co, is joining the stock market. The trust will specialize in investment in the Far East excluding Australasia and Japan. A *total of 67,003,410* ordinary shares will be issued.

Ennex down

Ennex International's pretax profits for the nine months to September 30 were $295,000 ($464,000). Revenue was $967,000 ($877,000) expenses $990,000 ($700,000), and currency translation gains $318,000 ($287,000). Tax totalled $69,000 ($154,000).

TEMPUS

Mix blessing at Powell Duffryn

Doing well on the back of exceptional circumstances can have its drawbacks, as Powell Duffryn would no doubt agree.

A one-off benefit from the fall in the oil price boosted profits in the first half of 1986. Now more normal circumstances prevail, leaving a gap to be filled.

Thus to report trading profits £24,000 higher might not seem a remarkable achievement *but it masks an* impressive change in mix.

Fuel distribution profits fell 42 per cent, while those *from the rest* of the group rose a third.

The swing in exceptional items from last year's shipping reorganization debit of £966,000 to a £409,000 profit from the sale of some Carless Capel Leonard shares combined with a higher interest *charge to increase* pretax profits by 10 per cent.

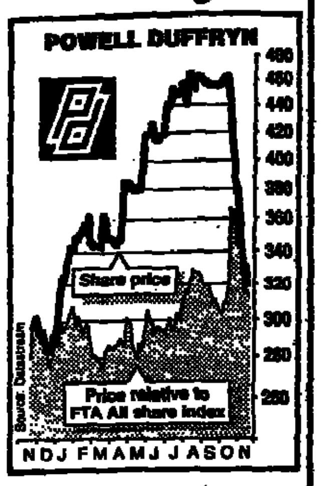
Investment continues in core businesses, engineering, construction materials and fuel distribution. Shipping and bulk storage are to live off their blubber for the time being. Their future within the *group is less secure*.

Gearing is creeping up and *will have risen* from 25 per cent to 40 per cent by the year end. The last time gearing was this high it was reduced by the sale of the timber division.

Piecemeal acquisitions will continue, but otherwise *there* remains scope to improve the *group's return*. Although much streamlining has already been done there is still a disparate feel to some of Powell Duffryn's activities where the longer term potential is far from clear.

As for the full year, the colder the weather the better. *A prolonged period of sub-*zero temperatures, but nothing too drastic, provides Powell Duffryn with dream conditions for all its activities except building materials.

Bearing in mind the meteorological caviat, Powell Duffryn could top £30 million this year. The shares are fairly rated on a p-e of 10.5 *times. The yield remains the* principal attraction, but the *quality of the underlying* earnings should no longer be disregarded.



Readicut

Readicut International has long enjoyed a market following based largely on recovery *prospects*. Now the honeymoon is over, so it will be to continuing growth that the market will look if the shares are to continue travelling.

With *interim* figures to hand, there is little reason why the love affair should *not* run on, especially after the 73 per cent increase in pretax profits and because Readicut is well placed within the industries it serves.

With five acquisitions and *all divisions* buoyant, it was a busy six months all round. Furnishings-household textiles and the yarns and fibres division were strongly ahead – helped by a first-time £1.3 million contribution from *Drake Fibres and loss elimination* – to see half-time *profit up from* £3.01 million to £5.21 million.

For a while, digestion of recent acquisitions is likely to be the order of the day, but the outlook for the rest of the year is sound, and profits in the region of *£14.5* million should not be difficult to reach after *last year's* pretax outcome of £10.5 million. An £11 million capital programme is in hand to update and keep ahead, and one welcome surprise at year-end should be a substantial write-back of the previous £1.48 million extraordinary provision against Irish Spinners.

Gearing is rising (now 29 per cent after *16* per cent, and headed higher) but at 76p and a *shade under* 10 times earnings, there is every reason to hold on.

Happy Hambros

Can Hambros plc still be *called a merchant banking* group? With non-banking operations contributing much more than 50 per cent of profits, and rising, it is hard to know quite how to describe the company – *except that it is safer than most* in current financial markets.

Apart from a few oddities, the interim results to Septem*ber 30 were up to expecta*tions. Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroker of which Hambros owns 30 per cent, had a disappointing time. The high realized investment gains may not necessarily recur. And there is also the question of how much Hambros will *be hit by its share of BP* underwriting, not included in these figures.

Yet the recent sharp fall in the share price seems harsh. Investors appear convinced that house prices are about to collapse, hammering Hambros's estate agency profits. The evidence is so far tenuous and Hambro Countrywide is expecting a full year profit of £25 million on the assumption prices rise a modest *10* per cent *during the* year.

The future benefit from the new life assurance link with Guardian Royal Exchange – expected to be up and running by the year end – should not be underestimated, either.

The group has relatively little stock market exposure or dependence on big corporate finance deals and its overall advance of 30 per cent in banking profits is solid.

With a likely full profit of more than £70 million, Ham*bros is on a prospective p/e of* around 8.5 but could end the year better than that as other banks in the sector reveal how they have been affected by their Big Bang exposure.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	557	Coats	2,271	Land Sec	1,255	Rowntree	205
Alld-Lyons	6,859	CU	320	Laporte	72	Royal Bank	646
Amstrad	2,050	Cons Gold	1,745	L&G	699	Royal Ins	1,187
ASDA	2,132	Cookson	775	Lloyds	2,147	Saatchi	1,476
AB Foods	638	Courtaulds	2,314	Lonrho	2,170	Sainsbury	3,090
Argyll	6,633	Dalgety	605	Lucas	800	Scot & N	424
BAA	2,883	Dee	1,317	Magnet	1,055	Sears	1,613
BET	2,263	*Dixons*	*1,499*	*M&S*	*4,875*	Sedgwick	715
BTR	1,885	ECC	779	Maxwell Cm	495	Shell	781
BAT	3,341	Enterprise	845	MEPC	1,613	Smith & N	4,580
Barclays	1,372	*Ferranti*	*6,462*	*Metal Box*	*350*	STC	5,884
Bass	586	Fisons	3,456	Midland	2,793	Stan Chart	232
Beecham	4,592	Gen Acc	93	NatWest	1,882	Storehse	1,371
Beazer	734	GEC	4,323	*Next*	*780*	*Sun Allnce*	*165*
BICC	1,024	Glaxo	2,474	Nth Food	543	T & N	595
Blue Arrow	5,207	Globe	492	P&O	576	Tarmac	1,570
Blue Circle	276	Granada	453	Pearl	685	*Tate & Lyle*	258
BOC	808	Grand Met	4,386	Pearson	51	TSB	979
Boots	2,254	GUS 'A'	341	Pilkington	1,861	Tesco	1,645
BPB	2,094	GRE	75	Plessey	13,642	Thorn EMI	3,807
Br Aero	773	GKN	621	Prudential	2,024	Trafalgar	2,107
Br Airways	1,822	Guinness	1,367	Racal	3,753	THF	1,158
Br Comm	363	Hamm 'A'	688	Rk Hovis	401	Ultramar	3,862
Br Gas	*14,066*	Hanson	6,634	Rank	151	Unigate	1,065
Br Petrol	5,454	Hawker	380	R&C	705	Unilever	954
Br Telecm	4,959	Hawley	1,664	Redland	945	United Bis	1,004
Britoil	2,917	Hillsdown	2,194	Reed	1,804	Utd News	619
Bunzl	321	IMI	347	Reuters	956	Wellcome	1,295
Burmah	1,136	ICI	1,625	RMC Gp	131	Whitbrd	776
Burton	2,530	*Jaguar*	*1,628*	*RTZ*	*3,264*	*Willis Fab*	306
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6 months to *30 September* (unaudited)		Year to *31 March*		6 months to *30 September* (unaudited)		Year to *31 March*
1987	1986	1987		1987	1986	1987
36.4	31.4	55.3	**Passengers (millions)**	36.4	31.4	55.3
£m	£m	£m		£m	£m	£m
307	262	439	**Revenue**	307	262	439
136	108	124	**Profit before taxation**	119	92	90
88	69	80	**Profit after taxation**	71	53	46
17.6	13.8*	16.0*	**Earnings per share (p)**	14.2	10.6*	9.2*
3.0	–	–	**Dividend (p)**	3.0	–	–
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◀ Current cost pre-tax profit for the six months to 30 September 1987 rose 29% to £119 million and historic cost pre-tax profit rose 26% to £136 million.

◀ Revenue for the six months was up 17% at £307 million.

◀ The Board has declared an interim dividend of 3.0p net per Ordinary share, equivalent to 4.1p gross, payable on 27 January 1988 to all shareholders on the register at 17 December 1987.

◀ The number of passengers using BAA airports increased by 15.7% over the comparable period in the previous year. 1986 figures were affected by Chernobyl and terrorist activity but, taking 1985 as a base, the compound annual growth over two years was 8.4%.

◀ There was a 7% increase in the number of air transport movements and good growth in air cargo tonnage.

◀ The underlying strength of the business is such that profit for the full year is expected to reflect the growth experienced in the first half. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the Board expects to recommend the payment of a final dividend which will result in a total dividend of not less than 7.25p net per Ordinary share for the full year.

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RTZ makes hostile £206m cash bid for MK Electric

By John Bell, City Editor

After a surprise stock market raid early yesterday, RTZ Corporation launched a £206 million hostile takeover bid for MK Electric, the group best known for its plugs and sockets.

The stockbrokers Hoare Govett and BZW started buying aggressively as soon as trading commenced and swiftly amassed a stake of 14.9 per cent. Without further formality, RTZ launched its bid, a cash offer at 550p a share. The move apparently caught MK on the hop. Meetings between the beleaguered MK and its financial advisers were hastily convened during the afternoon and an early rejection of the terms is likely.

There appears to be little chance of an amicable deal between the two companies. Some months ago, after a lengthy appraisal of options for expanding its industrial activities, RTZ made tentative approaches to MK and was rebuffed brusquely.

"The brief discussions did not even get to the detailed stage," said RTZ's chief executive Mr Derek Birkin yesterday. "They told us that they wanted to plough their own furrow and the question of price was not even raised."

The bid is aimed at a substantial development of RTZ's industrial activities, which despite the group's City image as a mining finance house, account for 60 per cent of earnings. A move in this direction was foreshadowed in the annual statement of RTZ's chairman Sir Alistair Frame earlier this year when he stated that further expansion of the group's industrial interests was a key feature of corporate strategy.

RTZ intends to buy MK as a complementary expansion of its RTZ Pillar operations, which are themselves a substantial business contributing more than £100 million a year at the pretax level. Both companies are leading suppliers of products to the construction market. Mr Birkin said that the resources of RTZ would enable MK to expand more rapidly at home and overseas than it could on its own.

More than half RTZ Pillar's business is either direct with or related to the construction industry, especially aluminium, glass, steel and plastic products. Like Pillar, MK's outlets are directed towards the refurbishment market. Apart from plugs and sockets, MK makes cable management systems such as conduit and trunking systems. Mr Birkin expects MK to benefit substantially from access to RTZ's North American outlets where its offshoot Indal has sales of more than $1 billion.

The market crash since mid-October has clearly been a factor in RTZ's swoop. MK shareholders have seen their stock slump from a price of 572p at its peak to a closing level of 414p on Monday. RTZ's brokers were deluged with offers when they appeared as buyers at 550p yesterday morning.

After the bid was announced, further stock emerged and by the close of business, RTZ had built its stake to almost 22 per cent of MK's equity.

Unusually, there is no equity element in the terms. "We decided that cash is king in these markets," said Mr Birkin, who descibed the offer as a full and generous one. It represents a 33 per cent premium over the closing price on Monday.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Warburg's turn to stand up and be counted

Whatever half-year results SG Warburg, the merchant banking and securities group, unfolds today the accompanying statement will matter more. Interim pretax profit should be in the region of £70 million, but for the second half year all bets are off. Today's figures will not cover the the crucial period after "melt-down Monday", October 19.

After the shock which Barclays de Zoete Wedd bravely delivered to the market last week, dealing losses have become the burning issue. By revealing losses of £50 million or more since the stock market crash, BZW has made it difficult for other market makers not to follow suit. It may deliberately have done a Citicorp: it can afford to show debilitating losses because of its strength. BZW is well capitalised and has the weight of Barclays plc behind it. Even so it would be wrong to prejudge other firms, especially the skilled ones, by a simple application of the BZW measure. Whether Warburgs (and Smith New Court whose results come next) turns out to have suffered as badly as BZW is debatable. It is, along with BZW, one of London's largest equity market makers. It may have been running substantial long positions, and if so a loss on the BZW scale is possible. But Barclays suffered heavily on holdings of second and third line stocks, while Warburg's exposure to these is not clear.

It appears that at least half of BZW's loss, or about £30 million, came in the first week of the crash – before it was able to readjust its trading book. Warburgs has already said that it lost only £4.7 million in the first week. Warburgs may thus have anticipated trouble and hedged its positions better than BZW. Its over all loss therefore is not likely to match BZW's, unless something went surprisingly wrong in the later stages of the market's collapse.

To be shrewd, controlled and well capitalised are supreme virtues for major market makers and while the three leading domestically owned groups can no doubt improve their systems, techniques and performance, their resilience during testing times augurs well. Like BZW Warburgs also made healthy profits from share trading in the first half of the year to cushion some of the fall in the second half.

Ironically, the crash may prove to be a blessing in disguise for the big market makers' strategic position. Only those fund managers whose memories span milli-seconds will not retain a warm feeling for some time to come towards the market makers firms who continued trading at throughout the crisis.

Trade fears delayed

The financial markets have suddenly become blasé about the United Kingdom's growing trade deficit.

Yesterday's red figure of £282 million, slightly below the market's average guess, would in any case hardly have caused panic. But there might not have been such a phlegmatic response to the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on November 3, which predicted a £2.5 billion current account deficit for the year. This implied an average monthly deficit of £570 million during the final quarter. It now seems more likely that Mr Nigel Lawson exaggerated his forecast and did not have in mind that the last two months would show a deficit of £1.4 billion.

Even in these distracted times such a figure would put a sell sign over sterling.

The underlying problem, in trade terms, is that Britain is growing faster than other leading countries, let alone the developing world. There was some hope that Japan and eventually even West Germany might catch up. The more worrying prospect now is that a recessionary turn in the world economy would show Britain even further out on a limb.

British firms have not really earned their share of the huge US import boom. That provides some cushion against a possible combination of US recession and a cheap dollar. There is no present fear of the pound failing to hold its own against the world biggest debtor currency. The world's second biggest creditor can surely afford a modest deficit.

The greater the disparity between British growth and the rest of the world, however, the more overseas exporters are likely to throw everything at Britain and the harder it will be to counter recent worrying trends in exports, exemplified by the fall in October. Sterling is therefore in danger of dropping quite sharply against the mark once a G7 meeting has lessened the crisis atmosphere.

Initially, that would not worry Mr Lawson, who has been juggling intervention to keep sterling down against the mark while supporting the dollar. But such trends can soon get out of hand and force another damaging retreat on interest rates. No wonder the Chancellor is keen for the Germans to expand.

Tesco is largest retailer in Britain

By Cliff Feltham

The takeover by Tesco of the northern supermarket chain Hillards has made it the largest retailer in Britain ahead of Sainsbury and Marks and Spencer, according to a report published today.

The fastest growing companies were Next, moving up from 55 to 21, and Ward White, climbing from 53 to 32, after both companies went on the acquisition trail.

Ranking of the top 500 retailers, compiled by the Corporate Intelligence Group, shows the leading 100 companies accounted for more than 60 per cent of total British retail sales. The top 10 groups had 31 per cent of the overall market.

The report shows some surprising names among the giants – including the Electricity Council whose chain of showrooms rank it number 23 in terms of size. The Dee Corporation claims fourth spot followed by Argyll and Woolworth.

The Corporate Intelligence Group – created as a result of a management buy out of the Economist Intelligence Unit's market research division – shows that Sainsbury, despite being pushed into second spot in terms of sheer size, still produces the highest margins in the business – 6.6 per cent compared with 4.9 per cent by Tesco.

In terms of highest sales per employee, the freezer chain Bejam claims top spot with £146,300 followed by Kwik Save. But Sainsbury is still in the top spot of food retailers with the highest sales per sq ft of floorspace at £774

Software millionaire to take £2m Nesco stake

Hoping for higher things: Robin Lodge (left) and Brooke Johns who are moving into Nesco

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Robin Lodge, who made a £75 million fortune from selling his computer software company to the giant Lockheed Corporation, is making a comeback by taking a large stake in Nesco Investments, a small quoted company with interests in vehicle retailing and energy.

Mr Lodge, aged 44, and Mr Brooke Johns, aged 48, his fellow entrepreneur, are using their Cayman Islands-registered company Baytree Investments to acquire a 37 per cent stake in Nesco in return for injecting more than £2 million of new capital.

They are obliged to make an offer for the balance of the shares at the same price as they are paying for their stake – 180p – compared with the stock market price yesterday of 185p. They intend to maintain the stock exchange listing for Nesco.

Mr Lodge plans to build up Nesco through acquisitions. The company, which first came to the stock market in 1929, has a motor dealership in Britain but its main assets are in Nigeria where it is involved in the generation and supply of electricity.

Last year Nesco produced a small profit of £7,000 on turnover of nearly £3 million.

$260m credit facility for WPP

By Our City Staff

WPP Group is establishing a $260 million (£146 million) medium-term credit facility which will be used to refinance a bridge facility employed to acquire JWT Group Inc. The news was announced by SG Warburg which arranged the facility.

The facility includes two tranches, a $160 million, seven-year loan which carries a margin of 1⅛ per cent over the London Interbank Offered Rate (Libor), and a $100 million, five-year non-recourse loan secured by commercial property in Tokyo.

The five-year loan's margin was not announced, but Warburg said it will be less than one per cent over Libor.

The seven-year loan is repayable in equal semi-annual instalments. Warburg said the loan is being underwritten and syndication is expected to begin shortly.

The facility will enable WPP Group to draw down funds in different currencies in order to match profit streams. The company also has covered interest-rate exposure for three years by purchasing interest-rate options.

Gold begins to glister in the gloom

By Colin Campbell

The London gold price, which for many has performed disappointingly following the recent financial strains in stock markets, appears at last to be trying to make headway.

After Monday's $7.25 advance to $470.25 (£265.45) an ounce, the metal made further progress yesterday, reaching $477 at one point. In later trading the metal ran into light profit-taking and closed the day at $473.75 an ounce for a $3.50 rise on previous levels.

Analysts say that dollar uncertainty and fears about inflation are helping to turn investors' thoughts towards gold and other precious metals as they cast around for alternative homes for funds, though they warn that the metal must test a number of technical resistance points before a "bull" market can be said to have arrived.

In charting terms, a price of $481 at an afternoon fix is needed before analysts can feel that new ground has been broken, but the general investment view remains that in troubled times some gold representation in portfolios should not go far wrong.

Platinum also enjoyed a rally in London on Monday where it saw an afternoon fix of $493.75 an ounce, only to run to $511.70 in later New York trading.

Buying interest yesterday morning in London was initially strong, but later the metal came off the day's high and was traded at $505.50 an ounce.

The latest annual review of the platinum industry from Shearson Lehman Brothers is due for publication tomorrow

Silver was also in demand yesterday, rising by 12¼p to 386¾p an ounce.

On the London Metal Exchange, copper again shone in base metal markets. Continuing its recent firmer trend, the cash grade A price reached its best level in more than 11 years at £1,541 a tonne for a £52 rise on the day, while the three months' price rose by £33 to £1,297.50 a tonne.

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Tussaud's parking metier

The Tussauds Group, part of Pearson, is so taken with the success of its *Chessington World of Adventures* theme park that it feels it is no longer fair to deprive other parts of the nation of such delights as *Calamity Canyon*, where visitors hurtle through a gold mine on a runaway train. Tussauds boss Michael Herbert wants to set up two more parks. Both would be built to take more than a million visitors a year and would cost about £30 million each to set up. Does Tussauds, which also runs the famous waxworks museum and the London Planetarium, have any new themes in mind? "I have no idea yet," Herbert tells me. "We always feel that what we do should have some appropriateness to the area it's in. We will have to wait until we have a firm site and think it out from there." I suggest a stock market theme park in London's Docklands, including such stalls as *Lose Your Shirt, Bed and Breakfast, Squeal To The Fraud Squad,* and, for the braver punter, the special white-knuckle ride – *Write Your Own Option.* Tussauds will need some specialist staff to initiate the innocent, but that might not be a problem at the moment.

Success story

Some of us clearly lead busier lives than others. Just five years after publishing his last bestselling autobiography, Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca is already planning a sequel. "It's going to include personal history as well as Mr Iacocca's 'straight talk' about issues and ideas that concern him and all of us," says his publisher, Stuart Applebaum, vice-president of Bantam Books. Iacocca's first book sold 7 million copies and was translated into 17 languages.

Pathfinders off course

Should recruitment consultant Pathfinders Group have bothered to brave the market storm to launch itself on the USM? It has netted little for its pains. Yesterday's share placing via broker Jacobson Townsley is raising £945,000 of which £630,000 is going to chairman Stephen Worth. Worth is certainly entitled to the benefits of his success. But this leaves just £315,000 for the company from the USM float. Out of this, £144,000 is being siphoned away by expenses, leaving a slim £171,000. Of course, Pathfinders will have greater status as a public company and more muscle to buy other companies. But a flotation in which 45 per cent of the cash raised for the company is swallowed by expenses is surely not good housekeeping.

"Mrs Thatcher on the phone again Mr President."

Book check

Richard Branson's Virgin Group has, I hear, been rebuffed in its bid to acquire the 48 per cent of book publisher WH Allen it does not own. It seems Branson's offer of 25p a share is not sweet enough for Capital for Companies, the licensed dealer in securities which invested in WH Allen for one of its Business Expansion Scheme funds. Investors in the BES receive tax relief at up to 60 per cent, so the net cost of the shares to participators in Capital's fund could be as low as 10p. Capital feared jeopardising this tax relief by selling out now rather than waiting 18 months, when BES rules permit the shares to be sold without penalty. And it appears confident it can milk more out of Virgin then. "In view of the company's prospects we believe an improved offer will be made at that time," it is telling shareholders.

Test of trust

Was ever a trust so scorned? The TR Technology investment trust has a £15.7 million slab of financial services group Berkeley Govett, easily the largest stake held by TR Tech on September 30, according to the trust's latest interim report. Which is no doubt why relations between the two have soured since Berkeley took to advising Firmandale Investments, a mysterious Jersey company which has been laying siege to TR Tech. Firmandale has built up an aggressive stake in TR Tech and recently bought the 6 per cent stake held in the trust by Standard Life at, what I hear, was a rather full price. Apart from the irony of a trust being pressed by its largest shareholding, isn't it time we were told who is actually behind Firmandale? Arthur Trueger, Berkeley's executive chairman, is for some reason vague when quizzed on the subject.

● As advice pours through the letterbox on how to manage your portfolio after the crash, why not try something as financially unadventurous as gathering up your old Christmas cards and putting them in trust for your grandchildren? Two examples of what is regarded as the first Christmas card, inspired by Sir Henry Cole, the "father" of London's Victoria and Albert Museum, are expected to fetch £500 each at Phillips in London today. Designed by artist John Horsley in 1843, only 1,000 were printed. They first sold at just one shilling each.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

TMD Advertising rises to £885,000

TMD Advertising Holdings, the media specialist, made pretax profits in the year to the end of August of £885,000, against £702,000 the previous year. Turnover was £51 million against £43 million previously. TMD has just completed its arrangement with Young & Rubicam for the purchase of 49 per cent of its media subsidiary, Horizon Group.

The deal includes Horizon Media International, Horizon Outdoor and Horizon UK. Earlier, TMD had been unable to confirm whether the international division would be included. TMD has continued to grow with its existing clients and as a result of new business. The new year has started well, the company said. A final dividend of 2.4p against 2p previously will be paid.

$40m IBM program

IBM Europe, a subsidiary of International Business Machines Corp (IBM), said it will spend $40 million (£22.4 million) in the next two years to help set up a Europe-wide supercomputing program, including at least five universities and research institutes. IBM Europe will give 25 modern computers as part of the program and provide support, education and exchange software.

Rise at Chase Property

Chase Property Holdings – formerly Wingate Property Investments – is joining the growing band of companies keen on buying its own shares and is to ask approval from shareholders shortly. It reported pretax profit for the first half up from £5.9 million to £9.5 million. This reflected the disposal of commercial properties and residential sales at a figure well in excess of valuation.

Humberside in black

Humberside Electronic Controls, the USM-quoted renovator and converter of machine tools, made pretax profits of £16,828 in the year to the end of June against a loss of £350,194 the previous year. The profit was made after writing off £86,785 of research and development expenditure incurred in previous years. There is no final dividend.

Mr Quinton Hazell said when he became chairman in July that Humberside had suffered cashflow problems because of the high cost of some orders and money spent on R&D. HM Machinery is awaiting firm orders worth £1.5 million, the company said.

Cosalt makes £1.7m pretax

Cosalt, the ships chandler to caravans group, yesterday announced pretax profits of £1.7 million for the year to August 30. This compares with £1 million last year when the company was adversely affected by lower oil prices. A 3p final dividend will be paid which brings the full year payout to 4.5p compared with last year's 3.5p. Earnings per share rise from 8.2p to 13.4p.

Profit raised at Cropper

James Cropper, the paper manufacturer, made an interim profit after tax of £994,000 against £934,000 last time. Sales rose from £13.6 million to £15.7 million. The good first half was due to a strong order book, improved efficiency, and stable raw material costs. But the second half is unlikely to be as good. There is an interim dividend of 2.7p, against last year's 2.2p.

Toshiba imports first

Toshiba Corporation will import microwave ovens and colour televisions from its US unit to help cope with the strong yen – the first imports by a Japanese electronics firm of completed products from an American subsidiary, a company spokesman said.

He said the firm will import an initial 5,000 microwave ovens from Toshiba America Inc next January for sale from March. No decision had been reached on the number of televisions to be imported.

APPOINTMENTS

Managing director for Alcan

Alcan Ekco: **Mr Nick Kendal** has been appointed managing director.

Chicago Board Options Exchange: **Mr John Frazee Jr** joins the board.

Weatherall Green & Smith: **Mr James Beckham** becomes an associate. **M Jean-Christian Favand** and **M Jean-Louis Guiller** become associates of Weatherall, Green & Smith France.

Spicer & Pegler: **Mr Ken Chalk** joins the partnership as head of the corporate recovery and insolvency division in Manchester.

Nick Kendal: heads Alcan Ekco

John Beales: **Mr R Vamam** and **Mr MH Albon** join the board.

Citygrove: **Mr David White** has been appointed a non-executive director.

Telerate Systems Incorporated: **Mr Henry Becher** becomes senior vice-president.

Ministers let foreign watchdogs protect UK investors abroad

By Colin Narbrough

The Government made clear yesterday that it intends to rely on supervisory authorities in other countries to ensure that British investors are properly protected on investment exchanges outside Britain.

Confirmation of this "flexible" approach to the issue of recognition under the new regulatory regime for the City came in spite of the shocks since the worldwide market crash that began on October 19, and the serious problems that have emerged in key markets, including Hong Kong.

Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, said in conjunction with yesterday's publication of Department of Trade and Industry guidance notes on recognition that three criteria had to be met:

- An exchange had to be subject to supervision in the country where it had its head office, with rules and practices giving British investors protection at least as good as that provided by the Financial Services Act.
- An exchange had to be able and willing to co-operate with the responsible British authorities.

Francis Maude: flexible

- There had to be adequate arrangements for co-operation between the British authorities and those in the country in which the excahnge is based.

"All three criteria have to be met, but we are being deliberately flexible in our approach," he said.

The Government's aim was to encourage as much competition as possible in British markets to benefit industry and investors alike, while guaranteeing "appropriate" levels of investor protection.

"We therefore intend to rely heavily on the supervisory authorities in the head office country, and on the co-operation arrangements we establish with them," Mr Maude stressed.

He saw no point in trying to set up a rival supervisory apparatus that would duplicate what overseas regulators were doing and impose extra burdens on the exchanges for securities, futures and options, and commodities.

Under the new financial services rules, authorized brokers promoting investments traded on exchanges whose headquarters are outside the United Kingdom would have to report such business to their self-regulatory body. If the exchange enjoys formal DTI recognition, the need to undergo this time-comsuming reporting procedure is waived.

The Securities and Investments Board, the overseer of the new regulatory framework, has already been in contact with most of the world's leading financial centres concerning the recognition issue.

UAE tells Opec to tackle quota and discount problem

Bahrain (Reuter) – The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries must address the problem of discounting official crude prices and exceeding output quotas by some of its members at next month's ministerial meeting in Vienna. It must do this before deciding whether to raise its output ceiling or its prices, a senior United Arab Emirates oil official said.

"Some Opec members are discounting oil prices and some are producing higher than their quotas. The ministers must put the Opec house in order before they start discussing a higher ceiling or prices," the official, who wanted to remain anonymous, said in a telephone interview from Abu Dhabi.

Oil ministers of the 13-member organization will meet in Vienna on December 9 to discuss output ceilings and price levels for 1988.

Traders have said continuing quota violations and rumours of price discounts by member countries have led to the recent slide in spot oil prices and are complicating Opec's efforts to stabilize the oil market.

A Reuter survey estimated UAE oil output for October at about 1.8 million barrels per day, about double its Opec quota of 948,000 barrels.

The survey put total Opec output at 18.6 million barrels per day in October, compared with its overall ceiling of 16.6 million barrels.

The UAE official said his country had been demanding a higher quota since 1983, "but due to market conditions we had to sacrifice our need for a higher output level."

"We will not block the next Opec meeting just because we want a higher quota," he added. "We need stability of the market and the UAE will try everything to make the Opec meeting a successful one."

Iraq's integration into Opec's quota structure by increasing its quota would also be discussed in Vienna, the official said. Iraq has refused to recognize its quota of 1.54 million barrels per day as it is less than the 2.369 million barrel quota of Iran, its Gulf war enemy.

As a result, Iraq has been producing well above its nominal quota. The Reuter survey put Iraq's October output at 2.4 million barrels per day.

The UAE official disputed remarks made by Mr William Verity, the US Commerce Secretary, last Saturday in Tokyo that the UAE and Saudi Arabia had offered to sell oil to Japan at competitive prices to make up for any shortfall if Tokyo joined the US oil embargo on Iran.

"We deny that we offered any oil to Japan. Iran is a neighbour."

Mexico may devalue official peso to avert illegal trading

From Alan Robinson, Mexico City

The Mexican government is expected to devalue the official rate for the peso soon to bring the controlled and free market rates into line.

Last week's collapse of the free market peso saw its value plunge 32.8 per cent in two days to 0.03921 US cents (0.022p) from 0.05837 US cents. At the same time, the controlled market – in which 75 per cent of Mexico's trade and tourism transactions take place – barely moved, recording a 1.4 per cent slippage during the week.

The gap between the controlled and free market rates now stands at about 50 per cent, which will tempt Mexican exporters to divert their controlled dollar earnings into the free market and reap enormous profits. The fact that this is illegal is unlikely to stop such a profitable trade.

Most observers feel that the government will have to bring the two rates together rather quickly, which implies a hefty devaluation of the controlled peso.

The Banco de Mexico's decision to step out of the free market, leaving the peso unprotected, was the result of capital flight caused by the tremendous drop in the local stock market over the past month. Investors panicked as stocks tumbled and sold out at bargain prices. They then put the salvaged funds into dollars.

The stock market has had to be propped up through massive purchases of stocks by Nacional Financiera, the government development bank.

Domestic interest rates have been pushed to historic highs. Treasury notes (Cetes) gained more than 7 points over the past week; 28-day notes are yielding 106.91 per cent in annual terms and 91-day notes are earning 113.44 per cent.

Analysts say the government's policy of gradually reducing interest rates has been wrecked.

New Zealand brokers ready to cut staff as income drops

New Zealand stockbroking firms, facing a 75 per cent drop in income from two months ago, have begun retrenchments and further staff lay-offs are seen as inevitable.

By Monday's close, the New Zealand market had plummeted 45.5 per cent from its peak on September 18, and turnover had dwindled to less than half of those boom days.

A Wellington broker said: "You just have to look at the numbers, a 50 per cent loss in volume is a 50 per cent loss in income. In addition, value has nearly halved. The average broker is looking at 25 per cent of his income two months ago." Brokers' incomes are based on commissions of about 2 per cent.

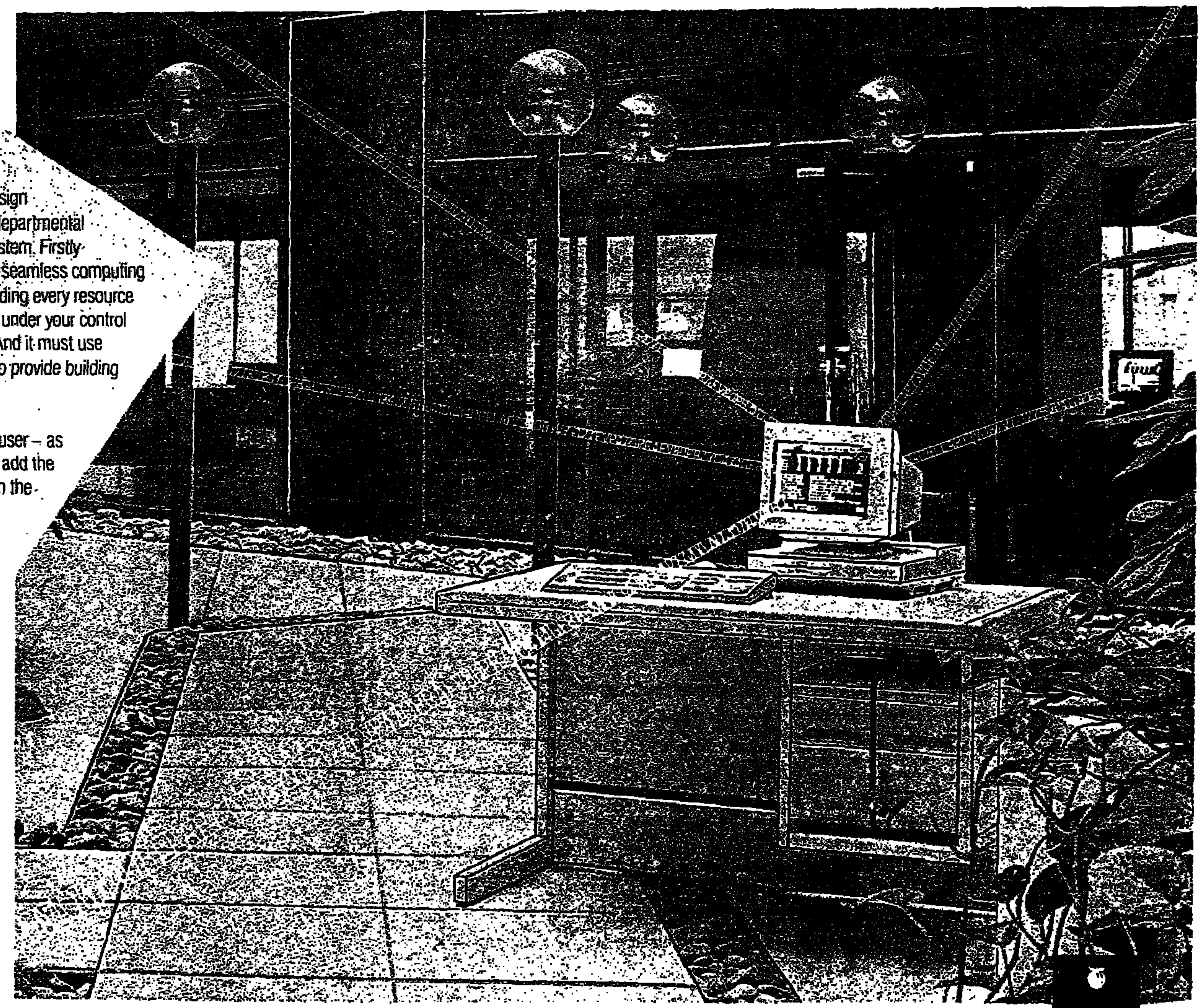
The stockbroking industry has expanded rapidly since deregulation of the financial sector in 1984 and the broking industry at the start of last year. But analysts say some of that expansion will be reversed as the heightened competitive climate and hard times begin to bite.

Last week, MB Stockbrokers Ltd, the Wellington and Auckland broker, laid off 22 staff after a sharp fall in trade.

One provincial broker has been put out of business because of a client's losses resulting from the October crash and two Auckland brokers have implemented rationalization planned before the crash.

A comparison of share turnover and prices between the height of the bull run late last year and Monday gives an indication of the income drop. On some of those heady days more than NZ$100 million (£35 million) worth of shares changed hands, compared with NZ$7 million last Friday.

Mr Rick Flower, chairman of the Auckland Stock Exchange, said that job losses in the industry appear inevitable. But many firms would be likely to adopt a wait-and-see attitude, he added.



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This offer for sale forms part of an issue of a total of *220,000,000 Units with New Warrants*, comprising:

(a) the UK Offer, described in this document and the full prospectus, of 101,000,000 Units with New Warrants at a price of 350p per Unit,

(b) a French Offer of 101,000,000 Units with New Warrants, at a price of FRF35 per Unit; and

(c) an International Placing of 18,000,000 Units with New Warrants, at a price of 175p plus FRF17.50 per Unit.

The prices per Unit in the French Offer and the International *Placing represent the approximate* equivalents on 12th November, 1987 of the *price per Unit in the UK Offer.*

Preference will be given in respect of a maximum of 2,400,000 Units with New Warrants (1.1 per cent. of the Issue, and 2.4 per cent. of the UK Offer before any variation as mentioned below) to applications received on *preferential* application forms relating to the UK Offer from *Eurotunnel personnel, as described* in the full prospectus.

As part of the underwriting arrangements, certain institutional investors and their investment clients will be allocated Units with New Warrants (not exceeding in aggregate 23 per cent. of the Issue, or 50 per cent. of the *UK Offer before any variation* as mentioned below) on a *priority basis. The remaining* Units with New Warrants *comprised in the UK Offer are* being offered to the public.

Each Unit comprises one share in Eurotunnel P.L.C. ("EPLC") and one share in Eurotunnel S.A. ("ESA"). There will be issued with each Unit an EPLC warrant and an ESA warrant twinned to constitute a New Warrant. EPLC and ESA shares and these warrants will be listed and dealt in only in the forms of Units and New Warrants. The New Warrants may be traded separately from the Units at any time after the Issue. New Warrants will be exercisable only in integral multiples of ten. *Initially, every ten New Warrants will entitle the holder to subscribe one Unit at a price of 230p plus* FRF23 between 15th November, *1990 and 15th November,* 1992. The number of Units obtainable *on exercise* of ten New Warrants is, however, subject to adjustment as set out in the section headed "Description of the New Warrants" of the full prospectus.

Arrangements have been made which may result in the number of Units with New Warrants comprised in the UK Offer being increased or decreased, the size of the French Offer and/or the International Placing being adjusted *accordingly. These arrangements are summarised in the section headed "Issue arrangements"* of the full prospectus.

EURO TUNNEL

Eurotunnel P.L.C. **Eurotunnel S.A.**

Offer for Sale

of 101,000,000 Units with New Warrants at a price of 350p per Unit

by

Robert Fleming & Co. Limited ***Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited*** **S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.**

underwritten jointly with

County NatWest Limited Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited

A Unit comprises one share in Eurotunnel P.L.C. and one share in Eurotunnel S.A.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange, London and to the *Commission des Opèrations de Bourse, Paris for all of the shares in Eurotunnel P.L.C. and in Eurotunnel S.A.* (in the form of Units), issued and to be issued pursuant to the Issue, *and the New Warrants to be admitted to the Official List and La Cote Officielle.* Dealings in the shares on both *The Stock Exchange* and the *Bourse* will be in the form of Units. *The New Warrants* will be separately listed and dealt in.

In applying for Units with New Warrants, you will be treated as applying both on the terms and conditions set out below and on the basis of the full prospectus dated 16th November, 1987 comprising listing particulars relating to Eurotunnel P.L.C. and Eurotunnel S.A., which together govern your rights and obligations. Copies of the full prospectus are available at UK branches of National Westminster Bank PLC, Midland Bank plc, Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank Limited. If you need advice, you should consult your bank manager, stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other professional adviser.

You are advised to read the full prospectus before completing *and returning an application form.*

No person receiving a copy of this document and/or an application form in any territory other than *the UK* may treat the same as constituting *an invitation to him or her, nor should he or she in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant territory* such an invitation could lawfully be made to him or her without compliance with any unfulfilled *registration or other legal* requirements. It *is* the responsibility of *any person* outside the UK receiving a copy of this document *and/or an application form* and wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself or herself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents or the compliance with other necessary formalities, and to pay any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect of the Units with New Warrants acquired by him or her under the *UK Offer.*

Travel privileges

Individuals who continue to hold Units personally acquired by them under the UK Offer will be entitled, upon payment (with effect from the year of opening of the Eurotunnel System) of a registration fee expected to be approximately £10 (at July 1987 prices) per year, and provided that specified conditions are satisfied, to make the following numbers of trips on Eurotunnel shuttles at a nominal charge *for each one-way journey* of £1 or 10 French francs per *vehicle.*

Number of Units personally purchased and held	
100	One return shuttle trip to be taken within 12 months of the System opening
500	One return shuttle trip per year for the first ten years of operation
1,000	*Two return shuttle trips per year until the end of the* Concession *period in* 2042
1,500	*An unlimited number of shuttle trips until* the end of the Concession period

Further information concerning these arrangements and a summary of the conditions which must be satisfied before the privileges can be claimed *are set out* in the section headed "Travel privileges" of the full prospectus.

Applications and allocations

Applications must be received in accordance with the instructions set out below. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

The application list will open at 10.00 a.m. (London time) on 27th November, 1987 and may be closed at any time thereafter. *The basis of allocation of Units with New Warrants is expected to be announced on* Monday, 30th *November,* 1987.

If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent *renounceable letters of acceptance for the Units with New Warrants* allocated to you. If there is heavy demand, *you may receive fewer Units with New Warrants than you applied for* or, in some cases, none at all. If *your application* is not accepted, all money paid on application will be returned (without interest). If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque in respect of the balance of the money paid on application.

Renounceable letters of acceptance are expected to be sent to successful applicants on Wednesday, 9th December, 1987. It is expected that dealings in the Units and the New Warrants on The Stock Exchange and the *Bourse*, Paris will commence on Thursday, 10th December, 1987.

Terms and conditions of application under the UK Offer

1. *The contracts created by the acceptance of applications under the UK* Offer will be conditional upon (i) the Council of The Stock Exchange agreeing not later than 15th December, 1987 to admit all the Units and the New Warrants issued, and to be issued under the Issue, to the *Official List, (ii) the Commission des Operations de Bourse deciding* not later than 15th December, 1987 to admit all the Units and the New Warrants issued, and to be issued under the Issue, to *La Cote Officielle* on the *Bourse*, and (iii) the provisions relating to termination *of the UK Offer for Sale Agreement, the French Underwriting* Agreement and the International Subscription Agreement referred to in section 13 under the heading "Further information" in the *Prospectus* (as defined below) not being implemented. Application *moneys will be returned (without interest) if any of these conditions* is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be retained by the receiving banks in separate accounts

2. Except where the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the full prospectus relating to the UK Offer dated 16th November, 1987, *comprising listing particulars regarding* EPLC *and* ESA *(the* "Prospectus"), bear the same meaning when used in these terms and conditions or in the application form.

3. Shares of 40p each in EPLC, shares of FRF 10 each in ESA and New Warrants issued pursuant to applications received under the UK Offer *will be registered in the names of successful applicants or persons in* whose favour renounceable letters of acceptance are duly renounced, free of registration fees, provided that, in cases of renunciation, letters of acceptance (duly completed in accordance with the instructions *therein) are lodged for registration not later than 3.00 p.m (London* time) on 22nd January, 1988.

4. The right is reserved to reject in whole or in part or to scale down any application received under the UK Offer including, without limitation, multiple or suspected multiple applications and to present for *payment any cheques or banker's drafts received. If any application* is not accepted in whole or in part or is scaled down, the application *moneys or, as the case may be, the balance of those moneys will be* returned (without interest) by posting to the *first-named applicant* the cheque or banker's draft accompanying the application or a crossed cheque in favour of the applicant or applicants

5. The right is reserved to treat any application received as valid and *binding on an applicant or applicants even if the application form is not complete in all respects or is not accompanied by a power of* attorney, where required

6. If you are an individual eligible for travel privileges, or if you are applying on behalf of a named child under 18 years of age, EPLC will, in consideration of your making payment for the Units with New *Warrants for which your application is accepted, make available* the entitlement to travel privileges on the terms and conditions set out in the section entitled "Travel privileges" in the Prospectus. If you do not complete the box *on the application form* relating to the UK *Offer claiming travel privileges,* you will not be entitled to any travel privileges.

7. By completing and delivering an application form relating to the UK Offer, you:
   - (I) offer to purchase from any one or more of the UK Issuing Houses that number of EPLC shares and that number of ESA *shares as represents the number of Units (each with one New* Warrant) specified in your application form (or any smaller number for which the application is accepted) at the price per Unit indicated in the application form, subject to the Prospectus, these terms and conditions and, in due course, the memorandum and articles of association of EPLC and the *statuts* of ESA and the terms and conditions of the New Warrants set out in the relevant *warrant instrument/board resolution,*
   - (II) *authorise National Westminster Bank PLC and Midland Bank plc* (together, the "Receiving Banks") and each of them, on behalf of the UK Issuing Houses to send a renounceable letter of acceptance representing the number of Units with New Warrants for which your application is accepted and, where appropriate, a crossed cheque for any money returnable, or the cheque or banker's draft accompanying the application, by *post to your address as set out in your application form* and to procure that your name, together with the name or names of *any other joint applicant* or applicants, is or are placed on the registers of members of EPLC and of ESA in respect of such Units and New Warrants as comprise Units and New Warrants the rights to which have not been duly renounced, and in these *terms and conditions references to rights being duly renounced* mean the renouncee(s) being registered by a Receiving Bank in relation to such rights,
   - (III) agree that, as a collateral contract between you and the UK Issuing Houses effective upon receipt by a Receiving Bank of your application, and in consideration of the UK Issuing Houses *agreeing not to offer for sale any Units or New Warrants prior* to 16th December, 1987 other than pursuant to the Issue, your application may not be revoked until after 15th December, 1987,
   - (IV) agree that, in respect of those Units and New Warrants for *which your application has been received and processed* and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the UK Issuing Houses, either by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation *(in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or by* notification of such acceptance to a Receiving Bank.
   - (V) *authorise National Westminster Bank PLC* to enter into such arrangements as it may think fit with Banque Indosuez, the receiving bank for the French Offer, whether before or after *the Issue shall have become unconditional,* with a view to ensuring that ESA *receives sufficient funds* in French francs to permit the shares to be issued by it under the UK Offer to be duly issued in accordance with French law;
   - (VI) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation;
   - (VII) agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable to you may be retained pending clearance of your remittance;
   - (VIII) if you complete the box on the application form relating to the UK Offer claiming travel privileges, warrant that you are eligible *to do so as set out in the section entitled "Travel privileges" in* the Prospectus;
   - (IX) agree that all documents in connection with the travel *privileges may be posted at the risk of the person entitled* thereto to the address set out in the relevant application form, or such other address as may from time to time be recorded in the register of members of EPLC,
   - (X) agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be able to exercise any remedy *of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after* acceptance of your application,
   - (XI) *agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and* contracts relating to the UK Offer will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts,
   - (XII) agree that time shall be of the essence of the contract constituted by the acceptance of your application,
   - (XIII) warrant that, if you sign the application form on behalf of somebody else or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority so to do,
   - (XIV) warrant that you are not a United States person (as defined in paragraph 2 of the section entitled "Applications and *allocations" of the Prospectus) and that you are not applying* on behalf of such a person, and
   - (XV) *confirm that in making your application you are not relying on* any information or representation relating to Eurotunnel, the UK Offer or the Issue other than the information and representations contained in the Prospectus, or in the mini *prospectus published in connection with the UK Offer when* taken together with the Prospectus, and you accordingly agree that no person responsible for the Prospectus or the mini prospectus or any part of either of them will have any liability *for any such other information or representation.*

8. All documents, banker's drafts and cheques sent by post by any of the *UK Issuing Houses or any Receiving* Bank *will be sent at the risk* of the person or persons entitled thereto.

Photocopies of this application form will not be accepted in any circumstances.

How to apply under the UK Offer

1 **Put in Box 1 of the application form (in figures) the number of Units with New Warrants for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of Units with New Warrants *indicated below.***

Number of Units with New Warrants for which you are applying	Amount payable	Number of Units with New Warrants for which you are applying	Amount payable
100	**£350**	750	**£2,625**
200	**£700**	1,000	**£3,500**
300	**£1,050**	1,250	**£4,375**
400	**£1,400**	*1,500*	**£5,250**
500	**£1,750**	2,000	**£7,000**

Above 2,000 Units with New Warrants, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications		*Multiples of*
2,000 to 10,000	Units with New Warrants	1,000
over 10,000	Units with New Warrants	10,000

2 **Using the column headed "Amount payable" in the table above, put in Box 2 of the application form (in figures) the amount payable.**

3 **Sign the application form *in Box 3 and date it.***

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he or she is authorised to do so An agent should enclose the power of attorney appointing him (unless he is a Selling Agent, Financial Intermediary or UK Clearing Bank (as defined in the Prospectus)) and should state the capacity in which he signs.

A corporation must sign under the *hand of a duly* authorised official whose name *and representative capacity* must be stated

4 **If you are an individual and wish to claim travel privileges write 'YES' in Box 4 of the application form.**

If you do not write 'YES' *in Box 4 you will not be* entitled to any *travel privileges Please read the section of the Prospectus entitled 'Travel privileges'* before completing *the box If you are a joint applicant* you should read 7 below.

5 **Put in Box 5 your full name and address in block capitals. Only one application should be made for the benefit of any person.**

Applications may only be made by persons over 18. However, a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. Not more than one application may be made for the benefit of a particular child. *To apply for the benefit of a child, you should put your own name in Box 5 and, after your surname, write "a/c" followed by the full name of the child and the child's date* of birth. Applying for one or more children will not prevent you from making a single application for your own benefit.

The right is reserved to reject multiple or suspected multiple applications.

6 **Pin to Box 6 where indicated a cheque or banker's draft for the amount you have entered in Box 2. The cheque must be made *payable to "Eurotunnel UK Offer"* and *crossed "Not negotiable"*. A separate cheque or banker's draft must accompany each application.**

The payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

The cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in pounds sterling on an account of a branch of a bank in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand corner If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque or banker's draft from your building society, your bank or a third party, in which case you should print your full name(s) and address on the back of the cheque or banker's draft

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s) or by banker's draft, but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not negotiable—a/c payee only" in favour of the applicant(s).

7 **Joint applications**

You *may* apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 7. The first-named of two joint holders will, during his lifetime, be eligible for the travel privileges. However, if more than two persons apply jointly, none of them will qualify for travel privileges.

Anyone signing on behalf of any joint applicant(s) should follow the instructions for agents in 3 above

Instructions for the return of your application form

***Send your completed* application form, together with a cheque or banker's draft for payment, by post (or deliver it by hand) *to arrive* not later than 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th November, 1987** at the appropriate address immediately below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 5.

A to L: *National Westminster* Bank PLC,
New Issues Department,
PO Box 79, 2 Princes Street,
London EC2P 2BD

M to Z Midland Bank plc,
Stock Exchange Services Department,
Mariner House, Pepys Street,
London EC3N 4DA

You should use FIRST CLASS post and allow at least two days *for delivery.*

Or take this form by hand by 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 26th November, 1987 to any of the additional receiving centres listed on the back of the application form in the mini prospectus and the full prospectus.

EURO TUNNEL Application form

Before completing this form, you should read carefully the notes opposite.

To: Robert Fleming & Co. Limited, *Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited,* S G. Warburg & Co Ltd., *Eurotunnel PLC and Eurotunnel SA*

1 I/We offer to purchase ______ Units with New Warrants

on and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the full prospectus dated 16th November, 1987 relating to the UK Offer, comprising listing particulars regarding EPLC and ESA (the "Prospectus"), at a price of 350p per Unit (with one New Warrant attached)

2 and I/we attach a cheque or banker's draft for the amount payable of **£** ______

3 **Signature** ______ **Date** ______ **1987**

4 If you wish to receive travel privileges and are an *individual eligible for travel privileges or are applying on behalf of a child, write 'YES' in the box. If you do not write 'YES'* in the box, you will not be entitled to any travel privileges Details are set out in the section in the Prospectus entitled "Travel privileges" ☐

5 **Please use block capitals** ***Sole or First Joint Applicant***

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms or title	***Forename(s) in full***
Surname	
Address	
	Postcode

6 ☐ ← Pin here a cheque or banker's draft for the amount in Box 2, payable to "Eurotunnel UK Offer" and crossed "Not negotiable".

7 JOINT APPLICANTS
Insert below the names of the other joint applicants in BLOCK CAPITALS who must sign in the right hand column
Travel privileges will not be available if there are more than two applicants
I/We join in this application and give the declarations set out above

	Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms or title	**Forename(s) in full**	**Surname**	**Signature**
2nd joint applicant				
3rd joint applicant				
4th joint applicant				

For office use only
1 Acceptance number
2 Units accepted
3 *Amount received* £
4 Amount payable £
5 *Amount returned* £
6 *Cheque number*

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Those claiming commission (or reallowance of commission) should stamp both boxes applicable to them

Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no	Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no
(if not registered for VAT put "none")	(if not registered for VAT put "none")	(if not registered for VAT put "none")	(if not registered for VAT put "none")
Acceptance no	Units accepted	Acceptance no	Units accepted
Commission calculated		Commission calculated	

Erskine's profits up to £3.5m

By Lawrence Lever

Erskine House, the rapidly expanding office equipment group, yesterday announced record half-year profits before tax of £3.5 million compared with £1.9 million in the corresponding half of last year.

The results, which include a rise in the interim dividend by one third to 1.6p, were accompanied by an optimistic statement from Mr Brian McGillivray, the Erskine chairman and former Rentokil managing director.

Mr McGillivray said that the company expected "a strong second-half performance" and that confidence among the company's sales force was high.

Turnover for the six months to September 30 was £46 million compared with £33 million. Earnings per share have increased from 6p to 8p.

The company's US expansion appears to be bearing fruit with the contribution to profits from the US rising from £546,000 to £1.3 million.

Mr McGillivray said that margins should improve in the second half, thanks in part to a rationalization of overheads after the sale of the company's furniture distribution business in September. The sale produced an extraordinary loss of £278,000.

Bell takes breather after a week of hectic trading

Robert Holmes à Court: buyer said to be friendly

(Reuter) – Heavy buying of shares in Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources has subsided after a week in which almost 10 per cent of the company has changed hands.

Barely 800,000 Bell Resources shares were traded on Tuesday, with the stock closing 9 cents down at Aus$1.66.

About 46 million Bell Resources shares have traded in the last week at prices as high as Aus$1.95 a share, brokers said.

Share analysts were sceptical about reported speculation that Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, or Standard Chartered were involved. "It looks like institutional buying," said Mr Ian Story, research director of BZW Meares, the Sydney stockbroker.

Mr Maxwell and Standard Chartered, in which Bell Group has a 15 per cent stake, have been mooted as potential Bell Resources buyers along with Elders IXL and Broken Hill Proprietary. Elders and BHP have denied involvement in last week's buying.

The drop in demand for Bell Resources coincided with the disclosure of a cut in its credit rating to B from A-minus by the private rating agency Australian Ratings.

Share analysts said the rerating was expected as a reaction to the fall in the value of Bell's large equity holdings in other companies after the share market slump.

They said market rumours held that Mr Maxwell was buying to pressure Mr Holmes à Court to sell him Australian media assets. But they noted no media interests are held through Bell Resources. Standard Chartered buying was seen as repayment for Bell's part in its 1986 rescue.

But Mr Story said the high level of offshore sales in Bell last week showed London-based and European institutional investors were taking a positive long-term view of its share price.

Mr Tony Moody, of AC Goode, the Melbourne broker, said he believed the buyer was known to Bell.

"It is likely to be friendly to Bell. I believe Bell knows, John Elliott [Elders IXL chairman] knows and BHP knows. It's just a question of waiting to see," he said.

Bell Resources' biggest asset is a 30 per cent stake in Broken Hill, built in its successive raids on Australia's largest company. Elders holds a further 19 per cent of BHP.

Research body launched

By Colin Narbrough

Ashridge Management College yesterday launched a new research body – Ashridge Strategic Centre – to study decision-making processes at the highest level.

The centre will give special focus to multi-business companies, the role of corporate headquarters and group and division tiers.

Among likely early projects are research into the value of statements on corporate aims and the impact of strategic control targets and budget systems on business unit decisions.

Sir John Hedley Greenborough, chairman of the governors of the Hertfordshire college, said the new venture was possible thanks to the "enthusiastic" support of companies such as BP, BOC, ICI, Lloyds Bank and United Biscuits, which will work closely with the centre on its research agenda and provide financial backing.

The idea of the new centre came from two founder-directors – Mr Michael Goold and Mr Andrew Campbell, former consultants with respectively Boston Consulting and McKinsey, who have been engaged in this field for the past three years at the London Business School.

Mayne sets up London listing

By Alison Eadie

Mayne Nickless, the Australian freight transport, security and computing services group, has applied for a London listing for its shares. Dealings are expected to start tomorrow.

Mayne is an international company based in Melbourne, with extensive operations in Britain through Parceline, Security Express and Armaguard. The British businesses generated revenue of Aus$150 million (£58 million) in the year ending June 28.

Mayne has chosen to list its shares in London because its principal development thrust is in Britain and Europe. It is looking for acquisitions, particularly in general security and express freight. There are some small such British acquisitions in the pipeline.

Mr Lindsay Bytheway, the finance director, said that the company had considered postponing the listing because of the worldwide stock market crash, but decided against it because the reasons for the listing remained as good as ever.

Mayne Nickless's value has held up better than the market in Australia, Mr Bytheway said. It was capitalized at A$721.4 million last Friday.

The group has 26,585 employees worldwide, with about half working outside Australia. It has sizeable operations in North America and interests in New Zealand, China and several European countries.

In the year to June 28, Mayne made an operating profit before tax of Aus$107.7 million on a turnover of Aus$1.76 billion. In the current year, each of the group's three core businesses is performing well with revenue well ahead of last year.

Operating profit in the first quarter was more than 50 per cent higher on first quarter 1986, the company said.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 16	November 27	February 18	February 29

Call options were taken out on: 24/11/87 De La Rue, Bristol Channel, M Y Hldgs., Burndene Inv., Property Trust, M K Electric, Eagle Tst., Cons Gold, Blacks Leisure, Dares Estates, Parkdale Hldgs., Singer & Friedlander, Control Secs.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*343)	300	55	67	78	13	17	22
	330	34	45	60	23	30	35
	360	18	28	40	37	45	50
Bass (*788)	750	63	95	110	30	50	60
	800	40	62	83	58	73	85
	850	20	45	65	93	105	118
Brit Air (*143)	130	25	33	38	10	14	18
	140	19	27	32	14	18	22
	160	9	17	23	24	28	33
Brit Com (*328)	300	43	65	75	20	30	45
	330	25	45	55	40	45	60
	360	15	25	45	60	75	80
Brit Gas (*132)	120	19	23	28	5	9	13
	130	11	18	22	10	16	19
	140	—	14	16	—	22	27
BP (*254)	240	27	37	42	9	18	25
	260	15	25	35	20	25	35
	280	—	18	27	—	40	48
Bntoil (*199)	200	25	35	43	25	35	42
	220	17	27	36	35	45	55
	240	10	20	28	50	60	70
Cons Gold (*798)	700	155	170	185	40	60	85
	750	115	135	155	65	70	105
	800	80	105	130	90	120	140
Courtauld (*354)	300	72	82	95	10	20	28
	330	47	63	75	20	32	40
	360	33	50	60	38	45	55
	390	20	38	48	50	63	73
Com Union (*299)	280	42	52	65	15	27	37
	300	32	42	55	25	43	53
	330	17	32	42	40	55	70
C & W (*304)	260	57	75	90	10	22	27
	280	47	62	77	20	32	42
	300	33	50	65	32	40	54
	330	20	37	54	54	62	67
GEC (*173)	160	25	35	40	8	13	17
	180	11	20	30	17	23	27
	200	6	13	20	32	37	43
GKN (*272)	240	47	55	63	12	23	30
	260	33	45	53	20	33	38
	280	22	35	43	30	45	50
	300	15	25	35	43	57	62
Grand Met (*412)	360	68	78	90	8	17	25
	390	45	59	73	17	30	40
	420	27	43	55	30	40	50
	460	15	27	38	58	68	75
ICI (*1038)	850	130	160	185	35	65	80
	1000	95	135	160	58	90	105
	1050	70	105	135	77	115	130
	1100	50	85	155	110	145	160
Jaguar (*305)	280	45	58	70	18	32	37
	300	35	50	60	25	42	47
	330	23	37	45	45	58	62
Land Sec (*445)	390	70	85	100	12	17	22
	420	50	63	83	20	27	38
	460	25	48	63	40	50	58
M & S (*186)	180	22	30	38	14	16	20
	200	9	22	28	24	28	32
	220	4	14	20	40	44	46
R-Royce (*112)	110	12	20	25	12	16	19
	120	9	15	21	18	22	25
	130	6	12	18	25	29	32
	140	4	9	15	33	36	39
Sainsbury (*233)	220	27	35	43	10	17	20
	240	15	25	31	18	25	30
	260	7	15	23	30	40	42
Shell (*1003)	950	105	135	162	45	85	100
	1000	75	110	136	67	110	125
	1050	55	87	118	95	140	153
Storehse (*265)	220	55	65	75	8	15	18
	240	42	52	62	13	22	25
	260	29	43	53	23	30	33
	280	19	35	42	33	40	43
Trafalgar (*319)	280	52	65	75	10	15	23
	300	35	53	60	17	27	35
	330	22	32	45	30	42	50
TSB (*107)	100	15	18	24	6	9	12
	110	11	15	19	10	14	17½
	120	8	12	15	18	21	22
Woolworth (*287)	260	50	70	80	10	15	20
	280	35	55	65	20	30	35
	300	20	40	50	40	45	50
	330	13	25	35	55	60	65

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Amstrad (*118)	100	25	32	37	7	13	15
	110	15	25	30	10	15	20
	120	10	20	27	14	20	25
Barclays (*450)	420	42	65	77	14	27	40
	460	17	40	55	33	50	60
	500	8	27	37	60	70	80
Beecham (*451)	360	98	115	128	4	13	22
	390	72	95	110	8	19	30
	420	50	75	90	15	30	43
	460	24	53	70	33	50	60
Boots (*330)	220	20	33	40	13	18	23
	240	10	25	32	25	28	35
	260	4	17	22	40	43	50
BTR (*265)	240	35	45	52	8	15	22
	260	22	37	40	13	23	32
	280	11	27	30	25	35	42
Blue Circ (*337)	300	48	63	70	6	15	25
	330	28	45	52	17	25	35
	360	—	28	37	—	42	53
Dixons (*234)	220	25	40	48	10	17	22
	240	12	30	38	20	28	33
	260	5	18	28	35	43	45
De Beers (*950)	1050	60	—	—	130	—	—
	1100	30	—	—	200	—	—
	1150	15	—	—	—	—	—
Glaxo (*1096)	1000	120	195	235	25	65	85
	1050	90	165	210	45	85	110
	1100	60	140	190	65	110	130
	1150	38	120	165	90	145	155
Hanson (*131)	110	23	26	31	1½	5	8
	120	15	19	25	4	9	13
	130	8	13	20	8	13	18
	140	4	9	16	14	20	25
Lonrho (*223)	200	30	38	47	10	17	25
	220	18	27	38	17	27	35
	240	—	20	30	—	40	48
	260	—	14	20	—	57	65
Midland (*383)	330	60	72	85	5	15	30
	360	40	52	65	17	35	45
	390	20	35	50	30	47	60
Sears (*129)	120	18	25	28	7	10	13
	130	10	18	23	11	16	20
	140	7	12	16	21	24	27
Tesco (*163)	140	26	38	40	4	9	12
	160	—	24	29	—	16	20
	183	3	16	—	27	31	—
Thorn EMI (*542)	420	130	145	162	5	12	18
	460	94	110	130	10	20	30
	500	60	80	102	18	35	47
	550	30	55	72	40	55	70
THF (*203)	180	35	40	52	10	18	30
	200	18	30	40	15	25	40
	220	6	20	25	30	43	50
Unilever (*473)	420	70	90	102	8	25	35
	460	40	65	80	22	38	50
	500	20	45	62	45	55	65
Wellcome (*377)	330	57	78	93	7	22	33
	360	34	60	77	16	35	44
	390	18	47	65	32	50	62

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA (*104)	90	25	27	—	8	13	—
	100	18	26	33	15	17	25
	110	14	20	25	20	25	30
Brit Aero (*323)	300	56	65	75	25	40	45
	330	37	50	58	40	57	57
	360	25	38	—	58	75	—
BAT Ind (*451)	390	80	93	105	18	25	33
	420	60	68	85	25	35	40
	460	37	53	60	40	55	63
	500	22	35	—	65	75	—
Brit Tele (*234)	220	30	35	45	15	20	28
	240	17	25	33	25	30	35
	260	9	18	—	39	44	—
Cadbury (*224)	200	37	42	47	9	16	20
	220	24	30	36	18	24	28
	240	13	19	27	28	35	38
Guinness (*250)	220	47	56	63	15	20	25
	240	30	42	50	20	27	37
	260	18	30	40	30	38	48
Ladbroke (*315)	280	55	63	—	17	23	—
	300	40	55	65	25	33	40
	330	27	38	50	40	48	55
LASMO (*228)	200	48	58	65	17	25	33
	220	30	43	53	23	35	42
	240	22	32	42	38	45	52
Pilkngtn (*220)	180	52	65	—	12	28	—
	200	37	50	60	20	25	30
	220	25	37	45	27	35	40
	240	15	25	—	42	47	—
Plessey (*146)	130	27	35	41	10	14	17
	140	22	30	35	15	20	25
	160	13	20	27	25	32	35
P & O (*495)	420	90	105	—	13	17	—
	460	60	78	103	25	30	37
	500	43	58	75	45	52	65
Prudential (*798)	750	95	125	—	40	65	—
	800	65	100	120	65	90	100
	850	45	75	95	105	120	135
Racal (*237)	200	50	58	—	10	11	—
	220	35	45	55	16	22	32
	240	25	35	43	26	32	42
RTZ (*333)	260	90	105	—	12	22	—
	280	75	90	—	22	37	—
	300	55	70	95	33	50	65
	330	35	50	70	50	75	90
Vaal Reef (*105)	100	19	24	30	12	16	22
	110	12	18	—	20	24	—
	120	7½	12	—	28	33	—
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£108)	102	[illegible]	5½	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	104	[illegible]	3½	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	108	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£120)	114	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	116	[illegible]	4½	5½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	118	[illegible]	[illegible]	4½	[illegible]	2	[illegible]
	120	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1½	[illegible]	[illegible]
	122	[illegible]	2	3½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FT-SE INDEX (*1691)

Series	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Puts Nov	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb
1550	152	187	215	250	6	37	65	95
1600	105	150	185	215	15	55	85	115
1650	63	125	160	190	25	80	105	140
1700	28	100	135	170	45	103	130	165
1750	10	80	115	150	750	135	190	190
1800	6	60	93	125	120	165	190	225
1850	5	45	80	—	170	200	225	—
1900	3	35	70	—	220	240	260	—

November 24, 1987 Total: 26131 Calls 17558 Puts 8573 FT-SE: Calls 487 Puts 487

*Underlying security price.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	90
Anglo Leasing	165 –3
Banner Homes (105p)	73
Brit Pet P/P	81 +1½
Butte Mining (100p)	105 +10
Chartsearch	27 +1½
Co of Designers (100p)	111 +5
Dolphin Packg (106p)	118 +8
Explaura	24
Fairway Ldn	78 +2
Hard Rock Cafe	137 +4
Do 'A'	102 +2
ISA Intl (80p)	93
Knobs Knockers	85
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	128 +8
Marcol Group	65 –3
Power Corp	71 –1
Record (88p)	65 –1
Rolls-Royce (170p)	110
Rural Plan	88
Sec Archives	145 –5
Shaftsbury (180p)	115 +2
Stanhope Props (250p)	140
Sykes-Pickavant	118
Tomorrows Leisure	36
Tubular Exhib	23 +1
URS Intl	58
USDC Inv	116 –2
Wilshaw Secs	24 +1
Zetters Leis	131

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cityvision N/P	[illegible]
Eagle Trust N/P	[illegible]
Feedex N/P	3
Securiguard N/P	[illegible]

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	190	220	nc
56	18	Aber Am Pet	22	25	[illegible]
150	110	Allied Ins	129	139	-1
315	36	Amercoeur	33	38	[illegible]
111	55	Andaman Res	62	67	nc
295	116	Broadcast	155	175	-5
192	61	Camotech	70	80	+5
103	45	Catalyst	63	67	nc
203	135	Chelsea Art	150	165	nc
110	40	Chemex Intl	40	50	nc
159	100	Cumac	95	105	nc
151	50	Corton Bch	63	68	-5
228	135	Crown Eye	158	168	+5
68	11	Eglinton	15	17	-1
45	9	Do Wrnts	8	10	nc
198	65	Far E Res	90	100	nc
110	62	Gardner (J)	60	70	[illegible]
53	20	[illegible]	25	29	[illegible]
73	41	Kemp (PE)	40	45	[illegible]
191	56	Leading Lsr	58	63	[illegible]
95	60	Lynx Tech	58	65	nc
180	88	Medirace	94	104	[illegible]
80	15	Pub Hldgs	35	40	[illegible]
128	82	Seacon	77	87	[illegible]
87	35	Theme Hldgs	40	50	[illegible]
715	133	UPL	130	140	[illegible]
140	103	Unit Group	113	[illegible]	[illegible]

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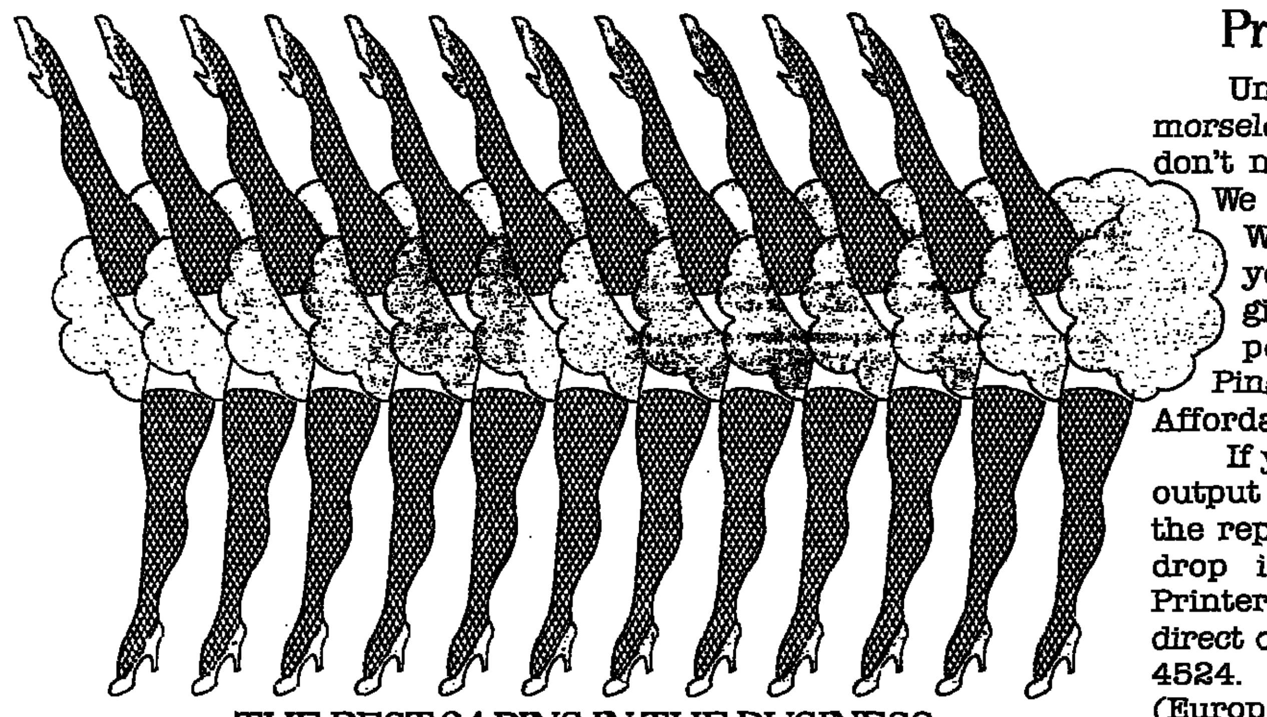

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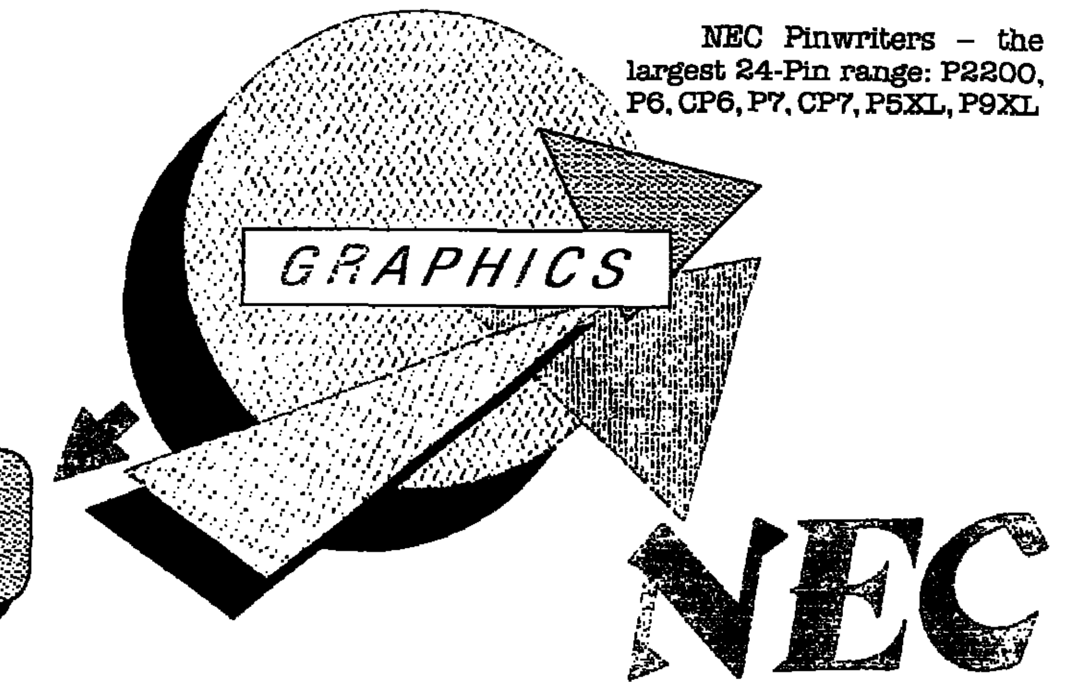

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) – Shares were sharply higher in early trading yesterday following interest rate reductions by West Germany, France and The Netherlands.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 28.51 to *1951.59* at one stage.

Advancing shares led declining issues by two to one.

	Nov 23	Nov 20
AMR Cp	31½	31¼
ASA	47	44⅝
Aetna Life	47¾	49
Allied Signal	30⅜	30⅛
Allis Chlm	1¼	1⅛
Alcoa	45¼	44¾
Amax Inc	17⅛	17
AMR Hess	23½	23⅛
Am Brands	42	41⅞
Am Cynmd	37¾	36¼
Am Ele Pwr	25⅞	26
Amexs	23⅜	23⅛
Am Home	71	69⅝
Am Int Grp	64¼	63½
Am Stand	35⅜	35¼
Am Telph	28⅜	28¼
Amoco Cp	67⅛	67¼
Armco Steel	9⅜	8½
Asarco Inc	25	23⅝
Ashland Oil	52¾	51⅝
Atl Richfld	71⅛	71¾
Avon Prod	23¾	24¼
Bk Boston	22⅝	22¼
Bank NY	27⅞	28⅜
Bankamer	8¼	8½
Bkrs Tst NY	29⅝	30⅝
Baxter	23⅜	22⅞
Beth Steel	13⅞	13
Boeing	36⅛	36⅝
Boise Casc	61⅝	62
Borden	45⅝	44⅞
Brstl Meyr	40	40⅝
BP	54	53⅝
Brunswck	14⅞	15¼
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	55½	56⅝
CBS	163¾	162½
CMS Engy	13⅜	13⅜
CPC Int	38⅝	38
CSX Cp	26½	25
Cmpbell Sp	57½	57⅝
Can Pacific	14⅜	14½
Caterpillar	58⅝	57⅛
Centrl SW	30¼	30
Champion	30⅛	30
Chase Man	25	25½
Chem NY	27½	27⅞
Chevron	39⅝	38⅝
Chrysler	22½	22¾
Citicorp	18⅞	19
Clark Eq	24	23¾
Coca Cola	39	39⅞
Colgate	39¼	39⅜
Columb Gas	39	37½
Cmb'tn Eng	26⅝	26⅝
Cmwlth Edi	29	28⅜
Cons Edis	43⅝	43½
Consol Ng	38⅛	37⅞
Cont Data	22⅞	22⅝
Corning Gl	47⅞	46⅝
Crane	20⅞	20½
Curtiss Wrt	45½	45
Data Genl	21⅛	21⅜
Deere Co	30⅜	30½
Delta Arl	34⅝	35⅜
Detroit Edi	14	13⅞
Digital Eq	124⅝	124½
Disney	53⅜	53
Dow Chem	80	80⅝
Dressr Ind	22½	22⅜
Dupont	83¾	81⅝
Duke Pwr	44⅛	44⅜
East Kodak	48	47⅝
Eaton Cp	70⅝	68
Emerson El	30⅝	30⅝
Emery Air	4⅜	4⅝
Exxon	39⅝	40⅜
Farah Inc	7⅛	8
Fedders	5⅜	5⅜

	Nov 23	Nov 20
Firestone	33⅜	33⅛
Fst Chicago	21⅝	21⅞
Fst Int Bncp	41	40
Fst Penn C	8½	8½
FT Wachva	33	32⅝
Ford Motor	75¾	75⅜
GAF Cp	44⅛	43⅝
GTE Cp	36½	36⅝
Gen Cp	68⅜	68⅜
Gn Dynam	46⅜	47⅜
Gen Electric	45⅜	45⅜
Gen Inst	24⅝	23⅞
Gen Mills	44⅜	45⅜
Gen Motors	60⅝	60⅝
Gen Pub Ut	24⅜	23⅞
Genesco	3½	3½
Georgia Pac	32⅜	31⅞
Gillette	29⅞	29⅝
Goodrich	32	31⅝
Goodyear	49⅝	49⅝
Gould Inc	11⅞	12½
Grace Co	43⅝	43⅞
Grt Atl Pac	35⅞	34⅞
Greyhnd	25⅛	25
Gruman	22⅛	22⅜
Gulf & West	68⅜	67⅜
Heinz	38⅜	38
Hercules	45	45½
Hewlett Pk	51⅛	50⅝
Honeywell	56	56⅝
IC Ind	29⅜	28⅞
ITT Cp	47⅜	47⅜
INCO	16⅝	15½
Ing Rand Wi	30	30⅝
Inland Steel	23⅝	23⅜
IBM	117½	117⅜
Int Paper	38	37⅝
Irving Bk	50	50⅝
Jnsn & Jhsn	78⅜	77⅞
K Mart	27⅞	29
Kaisertech	10	10⅝
Kerr McGee	33	31⅞
Kimbrly Clrk	53⅛	53⅝
Kraft	50⅜	49
Kroger	25⅝	26⅛
LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅜
Litton	75½	75⅜
Lockheed	35⅜	36⅛
Lucky Str	24⅜	23⅞
Man H'nver	27⅝	28
Manville	2⅝	2⅛
Mapco	42⅞	41⅝
Marine Mid	82⅛	82⅝
Mt Marrieta	39⅜	39½
Masco	22⅜	22½
Mcdonalds	45⅞	45
McDonnell	59½	59⅜
Mead Cp	28	27⅝
Merck	173⅜	172⅞
Minsta Mng	63½	64
Mobil	37¼	37
Monsanto	72	70⅛
Morgan Jp	34½	34⅜
Motorola	43½	42⅜
NCR	62⅝	61⅝
NL Indstrs	5½	5⅜
Nat Distill	56⅝	56
Nat Md Ent	18⅜	19
Nat Semi	12⅝	11⅞
Norfolk Sth	23⅜	23⅜
NW Bancrp	37	35⅜
Occid Petl	25⅜	24⅝
Ogden Cp	25⅝	23⅞
Olin Cp	37½	37
PPG Ind	35½	35
Pac Gas El	18⅜	18
Pan Am	3⅜	3⅜
Penney JC	45⅝	45⅜
Pennzoil	69¼	70⅜

	Nov 23	Nov 20
Pepsico	32⅛	31⅞
Pfizer	51⅛	51⅛
Phelps Dod	39⅜	37⅛
Philip Mor	91	89
Philip Ptrl	10½	10⅜
Polaroid	21⅝	20⅞
Primerica	26⅞	25½
Proct Gble	86½	85⅜
Pub S E G	24⅜	24⅝
Raytheon	65⅝	66⅝
Rynlds Metl	44⅜	44⅜
Rockwell Int	17⅝	18½
Royal Dutch	106⅝	106⅝
SFE Sopac	51⅜	49⅝
Sara Lee	34⅜	34⅛
Schlumb	32	31½
Scott Pap	63⅝	63⅝
Seagram	54⅜	55
Sears Roeb	35	35½
Shell Trans	70⅛	70½
Singer	53⅛	53⅜
Smith Beck	46	46
Sony Cp	36	36⅝
Sth Cal Edi	31⅞	31⅜
SW Bell	35⅞	35⅛
Squibb	62⅝	64½
Sterl Drug	48⅜	47⅝
Stevens JP	27⅝	26⅞
Sun Comp	50⅝	49⅝
TRW Inc	43½	42½
Teledyne	289⅛	285⅜
Tenneco	41⅝	41⅜
Texaco	28⅜	28⅞
Tex Eastn	22⅞	22⅜
Texas Inst	42⅝	40⅜
Tex Util	29⅝	29⅛
Textron	22⅞	22
Travelers	34⅛	35⅜
USG	30⅜	29⅜
USX Cp	27⅜	27
Unilever Plc	32⅜	32½
Un Carbide	20⅜	21⅜
Un Pac Cp	52½	53⅝
Unisys Cp	30½	30⅜
Utd Brands	41⅝	41⅜
Utd Tech	31⅝	31
Unocal	27⅞	25⅝
Walter Jim	59⅛	59⅝
Warn Lamb	66⅛	66⅝
Wells Far	40⅞	40⅜
Westg El	46⅛	45⅛
Weyerhsr	37⅞	37⅝
Whirlpool	26⅝	26⅜
Woolworth	33⅜	33⅜
Xerox Cp	56	56⅝
Zenith	14⅝	13⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

	Nov 23	Nov 20
Agnco Eag	23⅛	22⅝
Alcan Alum	32⅞	32⅞
Algoma Stl	14⅜	14⅜
Can Pacific	19	19
Cominco	12⅝	12¼
Con Bathrst	16⅜	16
Hawk S Can	20	20
Hud Bay M	18⅜	18⅜
Imasco	25	25½
Imperial Oil	51⅜	49⅝
Int Pipe	40⅜	40⅛
Royl Trstco	13⅜	13⅜
Seagram	71⅜	72
Shelco 'A'	17½	29⅜
Thmsn N 'A'	25⅜	25⅜
Vanty Cp	3	2⅜
WCT	15⅝	15⅝
Weston	31½	31

HONG KONG

Bears rule in thin trading

Reuter – Share prices closed *lower yesterday on late selling* pressure in thin trading as sentiment remained bearish, *brokers said.*

The Hang Seng index dropped 6.87 points to end at 2,134.84 after rising about 33 points initially. The Hong Kong index dropped 3.98 *points to 1,400.26. Turnover* was HK$745.76 million (£53.6 million), the lowest *since May 21.*

Brokers said one or two key sub-underwriters of Cheung Kong group's rights issues were believed to be unloading their existing holdings before receiving new shares. Buyers took to the sidelines when confronted with this persistent selling.

One broker interpreted the low turnover to mean the market was close to its bottom but *still lacked new buying* interest.

Hongkong Land dropped 10 cents to HK$7.15 while *speculation on the takeover* bid of the company has gone. Hutchison dropped 5 cents to HK$6.85 *while Cheung Kong* was unchanged at HK$6.60. HK Electric lost 10 cents to HK$6.95, and Cavendish 7.5 cents to HK$2.55.

Utilities were firm with China Light rising 30 cents to *HK$14.80 and China Gas 10* cents to HK$11.80. Hongkong Telephone added 10 cents to HK$11.90.

In contrast to the drop in the Hang Seng index, November and December Hang Seng index futures both rose to 2,160 points, a premium of 26 points to the spot index.

November added 25 points and December gained 15, with a total of 1,263 contracts traded in the day.

WORLD MARKETS ROUND-UP: TOKYO

Late doubts peg back rally

(Reuter) – On its first day of trading following the new US plan to tackle the budget *deficit, the Tokyo Stock Ex*change staged an early rise and then had second thoughts.

The dollar eased slightly to end the day down Y0.44 on Friday's close at Y134.93.

The TSE's morning session finished up by 230.09 but ended the day at 22,865.02, up 150.46 on Friday's close.

The exchange was closed on Saturday for a regular market holiday and on Monday for a *national holiday.*

Investors were relieved by the agreement in Washington, *but remained wary of the US* economy, brokers said.

"What you need is not only a belief that America can control its deficit, but that the trade picture is brighter and *the dollar won't be going any* lower," a broker said.

Other brokers questioned how the US could avoid a recession given the proposed tax increases.

Bank, credit-lease, real es*tate, insurance, retail,* gas, pulp-paper and rolling stock issues led the Tokyo advance. *Electronics and precision* shares rose because of the dollar's stability.

Communications, warehousing, oil, *brokerages,* fisheries and electric power shares declined. Nippon Tele*graph* and Telephone dropped 30,000 to 2.64 million.

Brokers said leading Japanese securities houses had bought pharmaceutical and steel shares to stimulate the market.

"Volume is being encouraged by brokerages to get people interested in the market again," one broker said.

Brokers predicted the rest of this week would be quiet because of tomorrow's Thanksgiving holiday in the US and because investors were waiting for Wall Street's verdict on the budget package.

The first section rose 10.38 *points to 1,866.11, after drop*ping 4.17 points on Friday. The second section gained *16.17 points to 2,358.66,* after slipping 13.16 points on Friday. Turnover was 8 million shares against 9 million on Friday.

Fanuc shares rose 260 to *5,250* after the company announced plans to double its production capacity at a fac*tory in South Korea.*

Dainippon Screen shares gained 34 to 829 following news of a Y255 million (£1.06 million) net profit for the six months ended September 30, 70.2 per cent higher than the same period last year.

Fujitsu stock rose 40 to *1,230 on news that its wholly*-owned US unit, Fujitsu America Inc, had bought a US *engineering design firm for an* undisclosed sum.

FRANKFURT

Stocks surge on dollar and rate cut

(Reuter) – Share prices ended a *moderate day's trading* sharply higher and near the best levels of the session, with domestic and foreign investors both buying after a renewed rise in the dollar, brokers said.

The US currency surged to DM1.6830 at the fix from DM1.6667 on Monday. "The market *hinges on the dollar* and if it falls again, share prices will drop as well," one dealer said.

Others said that yesterday's surprise cut in the rate at which the West German central bank adds liquidity to the *money market also boosted* sentiment and fuelled speculation the Bundesbank will *lower its discount rate in the* near future, dealers said.

The Bundesbank cut the allocation rate for securities repurchase pacts to 3.25 per *cent from 3.50 per cent,* offering banks liquidity at a 1/4 point lower rate.

Dealers said that although this move was unlikely to filter through to corporate customers, a possible cut in the discount rate was likely to reduce the cost of borrowing *for companies.*

The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares, calculated at midsession, surged 55.9 points or 4.2 per cent to 1,376.4 points, while the Boersen-Zeitung index of 30 *top shares,* which is calculated every 30 minutes of trading, jumped 11.59 points or 4.2 per cent to 290.49 points.

Chemical stocks surged on news that Bayer expects record 1987 profits after a 7.5 *per cent rise to* DM2.41 billion in nine-month pretax profits. Bayer rose DM8.70 to close at DM280. BASF, which is due *to report its nine-month re*sults tomorrow, jumped DM12.40 to DM268.

Veba, the utility stock, rose DM14.50 to DM283, RWE gained DM3.30 to DM225.80 and *Lufthansa,* the airline, firmed DM1 to DM123. Siemens, the electrical and engineering group, gained DM18 *to DM401.50 and AEG rose* DM9 to DM235.

Deutsche Bank rose DM21 to DM451, Dresdner gained DM9.50 to DM240.50 and Commerzbank DM11 to DM229.

SINGAPORE

Investors remain cautious

(Reuter) – Share prices continued to fall across the board on stop-loss selling and lack of fresh buying orders yesterday, brokers said.

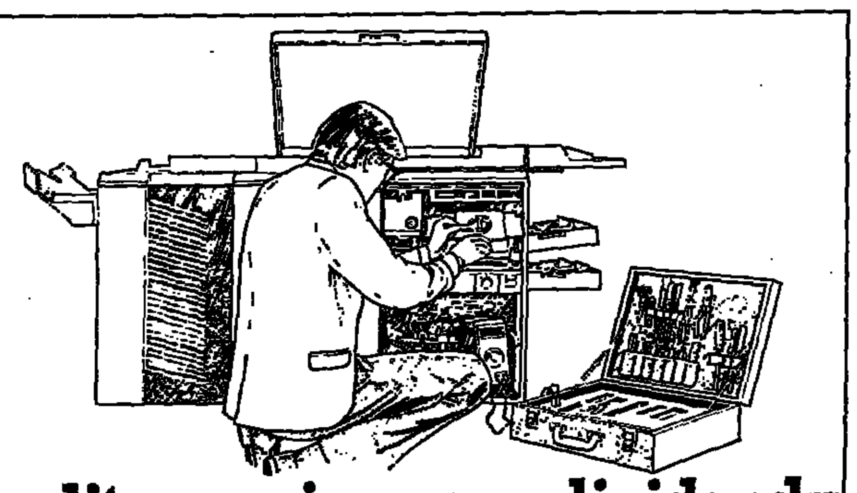
The *Straits Times* industrial index lost 4.39 points to *818.45* from Monday's close

Brokers said prices eased despite a higher Tokyo market. "Most local and foreign investors remained cautious and are reluctant to take fresh positions as they are not sure as to which way the market will go," one broker said.

Sime Darby, the most active stock, closed two cents lower at Sing$1.86 (51p) on a turnover of 1.2 million shares. *Selangor Properties* fell 2.5 cents to 80.5 cents on a volume of 600,000 shares.

"Overseas markets were a little better than us, but there was not much in it," said one broker, adding that "the situation in Malaysia dragged us down a bit."

Some Malaysian stocks *were hit. Court hearings were* held on Monday and yesterday for habeas corpus writs *filed on behalf of eight of the* 97 opposition members, academics, environmentalists and others arrested by the government in October, allegedly to forestall racial violence. All eight applications were dismissed, but the news did not break until after the market had closed.



Quality service pays dividends

		Half year ended 30th September 1987 £'000	1986 £'000
Turnover	**up 39%**	**45,964**	33,020
Profit before tax	**up 83%**	**3,499**	1,911
Earnings per share	**up 38%**	**8.3p**	6.0p
Dividends per share	**up 33%**	**1.6p**	1.2p

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	1987 £,000	1986 £,000	% INCREASE
TURNOVER	57,780	49,398	17.0
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	1,767	1,077	64.1
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS (Before Extraordinary Items)	1,466	839	74.7
DIVIDENDS	4.5p	3.5p	28.6
EARNINGS PER SHARE	13.43p	8.21p	63.6

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 75.4 (day's range 75.4-75.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 24

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7710-1.7795	1.7710-1.7720	0.34-0.31pr	0.69-0.65pr
Montrl	2.3312-2.3409	2.3343-2.3374	0.18-0.08pr	0.17-0.05pr
Amstrdm	3.3568-3.3693	3.3636-3.3684	1¼-1pr	3¾-3⅛pr
Brussels	62.30-62.62	62.44-62.60	18-10pr	33-28pr
Copnhgn	11.4826-11.5449	11.5206-11.5449	⅜-1⅝ds	4-4⅞ds
Dublin	1.1217-1.1255	1.1223-1.1233	5pr-par	3pr-5ds
Frankft	2.9826-2.9933	2.9890-2.9933	1⅛-1¼pr	3⅞-3⅝pr
Lisbon	240.00-242.77	240.00-241.68	87-135ds	288-382ds
Madrid	201.39-202.19	201.72-202.19	92-120ds	267-306ds
Milan	2191.66-2201.16	2195.75-2200.54	3-6ds	12-19ds
Oslo	11.4581-11.5069	11.4717-11.4960	5⅞-6⅞ds	18⅞-19⅞ds
Paris	10.1095-10.1479	10.1260-10.1451	par-⅛ds	⅝-1⅛ds
Stckhlm	10.7780-10.8040	10.7780-10.7930	par-⅝ds	⅝-1⅛ds
Tokyo	240.23-240.83	240.27-240.87	1-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅜pr
Vienna	20.91-21.08	21.03-21.06	8⅞-7⅞pr	23⅞-20⅝pr
Zurich	2.4458-2.4601	2.4560-2.4601	1⅝-1⅛pr	3⅞-3pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	7.1100-7.2030
Australia dollar	2.5876-2.5910
Bahrain dinar	0.6685-0.6725
Brazil cruzado *	108.116-108.718
Cyprus pound	0.8030-0.8130
Finland marka	7.2850-7.3250
Greece drachma	233.00-235.00
Hong Kong dollar	13.8600-13.8672
India rupee	23.04-23.24
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4925-0.4965
Malaysia dollar	4.4368-4.4411
Mexico peso	3640-3740
New Zealand dollar	2.8555-2.8684
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6425-6.6825
Singapore dollar	3.6149-3.6288
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5320-5.6328
S Africa rand (com)	3.5068-3.5178
U A E dirham	6.50-6.54

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5830-1.5850	Denmark	6.4730-6.4780	Italy	1234.5-1236.0
Singapore	2.0320-2.0330	W Germany	1.6805-1.6812	Belgium (Com)	35.14-35.17
Malaysia	2.4940-2.4950	Switzerland	1.3797-1.3807	Hong Kong	7.7910-7.7930
Australia	0.6870-0.6875	Netherlands	1.8905-1.8915	Portugal	136.20-136.70
Canada	1.3135-1.3145	France	5.7000-5.7025	Spain	113.55-113.85
Sweden	6.0700-6.0750	Japan	135.10-135.20	Austria	11.83-11.85
Norway	6.4550-6.4600				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9 Finance Hse 10%

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9¾ Low 7 Week fixed: 8⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8⅜ 3 mth – 8⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 8⅜ 3 mth – 8⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8⅝-8$^{13}/_{16}$ 2 mth: 8$^{29}/_{32}$-8$^{21}/_{32}$ 3 mth: 8$^{23}/_{32}$-8$^{19}/_{32}$
6 mth 8⅝-8⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9⅝ 2 mth: 9$^{13}/_{32}$ 3 mth: 9$^{11}/_{32}$
6 mth 8⅞

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8⅝ close 7
1 week: 9-8⅞ 1 mth: 9-8⅞ 3 mth: 9-8⅞
6 mth: 9-8⅞ 9 mth: 9$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{15}/_{16}$ 12 mth: 9⅛-9

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅝ 7 day: 8⅝ 1 mth: 8$^{12}/_{16}$
3 mth: 8$^{13}/_{16}$ 6 mth: 8$^{13}/_{16}$ 12 mth: 8$^{13}/_{16}$

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 2 mth: 9$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{13}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 9$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{13}/_{16}$
6 mth: 9$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{13}/_{16}$ 9 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 12 mth: 9⅛-8⅞

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8$^{15}/_{16}$-8$^{13}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 8⅞-8¾ 6 mth: 8$^{13}/_{16}$-8$^{11}/_{16}$
12 mth: 8$^{13}/_{16}$-8$^{11}/_{16}$

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.95-6.90 3 mth: 7.35-7.30 6 mth: 7.40-7.35
12 mth: 7.90-7.85

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	*7 day*	*1 mth*	*3 mth*	*6 mth*
Dollar: Call: 6⅛-5⅞	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6$^{9}/_{16}$	6$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$	7$^{7}/_{16}$-7$^{5}/_{16}$	7$^{7}/_{16}$-7$^{5}/_{16}$
Deutschemark: Call: 4-3	3½-3⅜	3$^{9}/_{16}$-3$^{7}/_{16}$	3$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$	4$^{1}/_{16}$-3$^{15}/_{16}$
French Franc: Call: 9⅛-8¾	9⅜-9	9⅜-9	9$^{5}/_{16}$-9$^{3}/_{16}$	9$^{5}/_{16}$-9$^{3}/_{16}$
Swiss Franc: Call: 1½-⅞	5⅛-4⅞	2⅞-2⅜	4$^{1}/_{16}$-3$^{15}/_{16}$	4$^{1}/_{16}$-3$^{15}/_{16}$
Yen: Call: 3⅛-2⅞	4½-4⅜	4$^{7}/_{16}$-4$^{5}/_{16}$	4½-4⅜	4$^{7}/_{16}$-4$^{5}/_{16}$

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: October 30, 1987. Agreed rates November 25, 1987 to December 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.36 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.29 per cent. Reference rate October 1, 1987 to October 30, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.094 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $476.00-476.50 Close: $473.50-474.00
High: $477.25-477.75 Low: $473.50-474.00

COINS: **Per coin (*Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $487.50-492.50 (£274.50-278.00)
Krugerrand*: $473.00-476.00 (£266.25-268.25)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $487.50-492.50 (£274.50-278.00)
American Eagles: $487.50-492.50 (£274.50-278.00)
New Sovereigns*: $111.25-112.25 (£62.50-63.25)
Old Sovereigns*: $111.25-112.75 (£62.50-63.50)
Platinum: $505.25 (£283.70)
Palladium: $116.00 (£65.15)
Silver: $6.85-7.00 (£3.8575-3.8725)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 21405		
Dec 87	91.04	91.24	90.96	91.14	11607
Mar 88	91.09	91.30	91.08	91.24	2575
Jun 88	91.07	91.23	91.07	91.22	152
Sep 88	91.01	91.05	91.01	91.05	28
Dec 88	90.84	90.84	90.84	90.88	9
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.76	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 38698		
Dec 87	92.43	92.57	92.43	92.53	5363
Mar 88	92.39	92.54	92.39	92.50	3701
Jun 88	92.12	92.18	92.11	92.14	520
Sep 88	91.82	91.82	91.77	91.78	85
Dec 88	91.48	91.48	91.48	91.48	10
Mar 89	NT	—	—	91.24	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7037		
Dec 87	89-14	90-05	89-14	89-28	6340
Mar 88	89-16	89-18	89-16	89-30	111
Jun 88	NT	—	—	89-04	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 27982		
Dec 87	121-18	122-12	121-01	121-09	44340
Mar 88	121-19	122-10	121-04	121-14	1792
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 6969		
Dec 87	167.50	170.70	167.50	169.60	2115
Mar 88	171.90	173.00	171.50	172.40	509
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 683		
Dec 87	107.00	107.15	107.00	107.15	58
Mar 88	106.50	106.88	106.40	106.80	401

COMMODITIES

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Crude prices firmed on expectations that futures would follow through on Monday's rally. However, after a brief blip, NY eased back and marginal Brent trade followed. Products prices tracked the futures and further short-covering firmed Gasoil and Fueloil.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)		
Brent Phys	17.90	
15 day Dec	17.90	-10
15 day Jan	18.05	-10
WTI Jan	*18.80*	*-10*
WTI Feb	18.70	-10

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		178-180	
Gasoil EEC	+1	164-166	
Non 2H Nov	+1	159-160	+1
Non 1H Dec	+2	162-163	+2
3.5 Fuel Oil	+2	87-88	+2
Naphta		152-153	

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jan 88 Hi 1219-1198 Low Close 1219.0
Apr 88 Hi 1268-1247 Low Close 1267.5
Jul 88 Hi — Low Close 1130.0
Oct 88 Hi 1220-1220 Low Close 1220.0
Vol 130 lots Open interest 1605
Dry cargo index 1159.0 +5.5 on 23/11/87

GAS OIL	*G W Joynson*
Dec	162.00-61.75
Jan	161.75-61.50
Feb	160.00-58.75
Mar	*156.50-56.00*
Apr	154.50-54.00
May	152.50-51.50
Jun	152.50-48.50
Jul	*152.50-48.50*
Aug	154.00-46.00
Vol	4350

HVY FUEL OIL	**Reuter**
Dec	unq.
Jan	
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	102.5	102.5
Mar	91.0	91.0
Apr	150.5	150.8
May	164.0	164.5
		Vol 196

LONDON FOX

COCOA *G W Joynson*
Dec 1119-118 Sep 1209-207
Mar 1153-152 Dec 1237-236
May 1171-170 Mar 1261-260
Jul 1192-190 Vol 8991

COFFEE *G W Joynson*
Nov 1235-232 Jul 1328-320
Jan 1268-268 Sep 1354-347
Mar 1288-286 Nov 1375-355
May 1310-306 *Vol 1989*

SUGAR **C Czarnikow**
FOB **Vol: 3067**
Dec 170.8-69.2 Aug 175.8-75.4
Mar 173.8-73.8 *Oct 176.8-76.6*
May 174.8-74.8 Dec 180.0-79.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) *Vol 182*
Ja 114.35 Mr 118.40 My 118.50
Jl 121.15 Sp 101.75 Nv 103.50
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 57
Ja 107.45 Mr 109.25 My 111.00
Jl 98.00 Sp 98.00 Nv 100.00

SOYABEAN
Dec 144.0-43.0 Aug 126.5-25.0
Feb 141.6-41.0 Oct 128.0-25.5
Apr 138.8-37.8 Dec 130.0-27.0
Jun 128.5-27.5 Vol 40

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day **Rudolf Wolf**

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1514.0-1515.0	1289.0-1290.0	210750	Very Firm
Copper Stand	1455.0-1470.0	1265.0-1280.0	Nil	Idle
Lead	372.00-372.50	*351.50-352.00*	40300	*Firmer*
Zinc Hi Gde	484.50-485.50	484.50-485.50	23375	Quiet
Silver Large†	686.00-689.00	697.00-700.00	13	Idle
Silver Small†	686.00-689.00	697.00-700.00	Nil	Idle
Aluminium	955.00-956.00	926.50-927.00	156325	Firm
Aluminium HP	1700.0-1710.0	1660.0-1670.0	3775	Quiet
Nickel	3385-3390	3365-3368	2748	Firm

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	95.80	95.80
Feb	92.30	91.30
Apr	95.00	94.30
Jun	95.50	94.50

Live Cattle Contract

Nov	101.00	101.00
Jan	101.80	101.80
Feb	100.50	100.50

Vol Pig-2 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 24

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	70.70	192.07	100.95
GB (+/-)	-1.80	*+3.92	+1.95
Eng/Wal (%)	-5.2	+0.2	-2.5
Eng/Wal (p)	69.91	193.11	99.23
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.91	+3.81	+1.90
Scotland (%)	-14.5	-2.4	+9.1
Scotland (p)	75.42	187.91	104.91
Scotland (+/-)	-0.79	+4.23	+1.67

* Estimated dead carcass weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Investors return

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 23. Dealings end December 4. §Contango day December 7. Settlement day December 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
2	Sequa	Chemicals,Plas	
3	Rover	Motors,Aircraft	
4	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
5	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
6	Barrett (H)	Industrials A-D	
7	ASDA-MFI (aa)	Foods	
8	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
9	Regalian	Property	
10	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
11	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
12	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
13	Marling	Industrials L-R	
14	Steetley	Building,Roads	
15	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
16	Target	Oil,Gas	
17	Western Selection	Electricals	
18	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
19	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
20	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
21	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
22	Oil Search	Oil,Gas	
23	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
24	Mecca Leisure	Leisure	
25	Erskine Hse	Industrials E-K	
26	Pleasurama	Leisure	
27	Cattles	Banks,Discount	
28	Br Petroleum (aa)	Oil,Gas	
29	Lowe HS & B	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Blue Arrow (aa)	Industrials A-D	
31	Smith & Neph (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
32	Camford Eng	Industrials A-D	
33	Allied-Lyons (aa)	Breweries	
34	Mountleigh	Property	
35	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
36	Drummond	Textiles	
37	GEC (aa)	Electricals	
38	Metal Box (aa)	Industrials L-R	
39	Textured Jersey	Textiles	
40	Fisher (A)	Foods	
41	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
42	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
43	Cap & Counties	Property	
44	Rothschild (J) Hld	Banks,Discount	
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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
449	278	Provident	310	318	+4	18.5	5.9	10.8
165	65	Rea Bros	65	75	..	2.0	2.9	13.4
216	113	Rothschild (J) Hld	145	153	●+6	8.2	5.5	7.9
449	280	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	295	300	..	15.6	5.2	7.5
17	705	Schroders	800	850	..	72.0	2.8	13.6
843	122	Stand Chart (aa)	450	470	-3	48.0	10.4	5.7
154	97	TSB (aa)	104	107	..	6.5	6.1	..
10¼	680	Union	800	820	..	63.0	7.8	9.4
576	363	Warburg SG	315	325	+5	..	..	..
198	102	Do 6% 'A'	111	115	+2	8.2	7.3	..
37⅞	22¼	Wells Fargo	22⅞	-	+⅛	..	..	..
550	290	Westrust	430	455	..	8.5	1.9	17.4

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	308	Allied-Lyons (aa)	338	345	+4	15.6	4.6	10.1
10½	729	Bass (aa)	780	793	+7	24.1	3.1	14.5
77	35	Belhaven	37	39	..	1.0	2.6	13.7
233	124	Boddington	137	140	+2	5.1	3.7	15.2
798	537	Brown (Matthew)	615	625	..	19.2b	3.1	21.8
246	131	Buckleys	172	180	..	4.4	2.5	54.3
239	140	Bulmer (H P)	145	150	-1	7.9	5.3	10.5
195	140	Burtonwood Brew	135	145	●-1	4.0	2.8	22.8
535	410	Clark (Matthew)	405	415	-5	12.3	3.0	13.7
361	202	Devenish (JA)	253	262	-1	4.0	1.6	35.7
279½	150	Greenall Whitley	183	190	+2	7.8	4.2	11.3
483	259	Greene King	452	460	-1	8.9	2.0	23.4
390	225	Guinness (aa)	243	250	..	12.8b	5.1	8.8
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	685	705	..	26.4	3.8	15.3
97	68	Highland Dist	73	77	●..	3.4	4.5	11.7
223	138	Invergordon Dist	147	155	..	7.5	5.0	9.8
248	145	Irish Dist	165	185	+5	6.0	3.4	..
154	113	Marston Thompson	125	128	..	3.5	2.8	18.1
603	345	Morland	458	475	..	9.9	2.1	22.7
470	131	SA Breweries	250	267	●..			
270	178	Scot & New (aa)	209	213	+1	10.9	5.2	11.7
599	466	Vaux	483	492	..	18.6	3.8	17.3
385	251	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	275	280	●+7	12.6	4.5	11.7
400	248	Do 'B'	290	310	+5	12.6	4.2	12.7
374	210	Whitbread Inv	265	275	●+5	11.8	4.3	31.4
424	277½	Wolverhampton & D	310	318	..	7.8	2.2	17.7
477	274	Young 'A'	358	378	●..	12.3	3.3	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
540	129	Abbey	150	185	+3			
355	190	Aberdeen Constr	175	225		12.1	6.1	15.9
449	252	Amec	285	290	●+3	16.8	5.8	10.8
88½	78	Anglo Utd	41	44		1.4	3.3	79.6
152	68	Arncliffe	90	110		3.8	3.8	23.5
402	184	Arnwoods	227	232	+5	8.2	3.6	13.1
442½	232	BPB Ind (aa)	245	250	-25	8.6	3.5	10.7
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	200	220		2.7	1.3	28.4
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	38	41	●+1	1.6	4.0	8.3
252	134	Barratt Devs	163	167	+5	12.2	7.4	10.8
327	160	Bellway	187	190	●+1	11.0	5.8	9.1
305	76	Bellwinch	87	92	+2	4.4	4.9	8.1
530	134	Berkeley Gp	223	230		3.4	1.5	13.1
149	65	Bett Bros	80	90		4.5	5.3	23.4
675	137	Blockleys	350	400		7.4	2.0	31.3
574	289	Blue Circle (aa)	335	340	-2	18.5	5.5	9.1
425	165	Breedon PLC	165	175		8.3	5.0	
253	86	Br Dredging	122	130	●+4	6.9	5.5	22.9
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	45	47	+1			
148	79	Bryant	113	115	+3	3.8	3.3	13.5
38½	11	Burnett & Hallam	13½	15				16
202	118	CRH	120	130				
177	80	Cakebread Robey	105	115	●..	5.2	4.7	13.8
373	178	Caradon	220	225		8.2	3.7	13.8
183	91	Church Charles	102	107	+4	1.4	1.3	11.1
278	150	Conder Grp	198	208	+2	6.2	3.1	22.9
395	85	Copson PLC	120	130		2.4	1.9	68.3
387	198	Costain	245	255	-3	12.2	4.9	9.1
402	120	Countryside	165	173	-1	2.3	1.4	19.2
292	138	Crest Nicholson	158	162	+2	7.5b	4.7	10.9
118	65	Crosby James	73	82	+7	2.4	3.1	
281	129	Douglas (RM)	222	225		4.1b	1.8	17.5
268	118	Erith	170	180	●..	6.9	3.9	18.0
310	118	Federated H&G	165	168	-1	6.0	3.6	11.7
182	80	Finlan Gp	87	97	●-3	5.5	6.0	13.9
136	46	Galliford	65	68	s+1	3.7	5.5	15.0
203	118	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	198	208	+1	3.4b	1.7	35.8
593	348	Gleeson (MJ)	385	415	..	9.1	2.2	7.5
335	162	Hamson Ind	230	250	..	7.9	3.3	14.8
363	172	Henderson	253	260	●-1	11.6	4.5	23.7
151	74	Hewden-Stuart	94	96	●-1	2.7	2.8	14.4
395	203	Heywood Williams	225	235	r+2	13.0	5.7	12.9
436	234	Higgs & Hill	255	263	●+1	10.8	4.1	12.4
168	21	Howard Hldgs	58	63	..	1.7	2.8	11.1
250	70	Ibstock Johnsen	132	135	●+2	8.0	6.0	13.8
10¼	470	Jarvis (J) & Sons	600	700	..	20.6	3.2	17.8
414	217	Laing (J)	225	230	+1	8.2	3.6	7.7
414	217	Do A	225	228	..	8.2	3.6	7.7
194	79	Lawrence (Walter)	92	93	●+½	5.8	6.3	9.0
77½	34	Lilley (FJC)	38	39	-1			5.0
314	192	Lovell (YJ)	202	207		6.0	2.9	14.1
406	149	Magnet (aa)	170	173	+9	6.0	3.5	11.0
413	313	Manders	310	320		14.3	4.5	16.7
195	113	Marley	140	145	+7	6.0	4.2	16.8

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141	45	Aancot Computers	79	82	●-2	0.7	0.9	10.8
242	95	Arlen	125	135	+15	2.7b	2.1	11.7
800	288	Atlantic Comp	350	360	..	6.9	1.9	10.3
183	73	Audio Fidelity	70	80	-3	..	..	30.5
338	174	Auto Sec	213	217	+7	2.7	1.3	15.9
436	269	BICC (aa)	308	315	●+4	16.8	5.4	16.4
148	68	BSR	78	81	●+3	3.8	4.8	14.4
244	120	Bech	130	140	+2	4.7	3.5	12.3
291	92	Borland	120	130	-5			
284	142	Bowthorpe	147	155	●+2	4.4b	2.9	13.1
274	74	Britannia Security	155	165	●-5	2.5	1.6	13.2
337	209	Br Telecom (aa)	231	233	+7	11.6	5.0	11.1
155	83	Brown Boveri Kent	90	95	●-6	5.1	5.5	9.6
48	15	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10	40	-1	0.1	0.4	42.4
308	182	CAP Group	187	190	..	2.5	1.3	18.1
148	53	CASE	55	60	-1	0.1	0.2	4.9
515	268	Cable Wireless (aa)	298	302	+5	7.8	2.5	15.0
328	178	Cambridge Elec	190	194	..	11.2	5.8	12.3
136	67	Cambridge Instr	65	68	-3	1.0	1.5	7.3
117	45	Chloride	54	58	●+2½	2.6	4.6	15.3
515	140	Cray Elect	167	177	..	3.5	2.0	10.4
301	152	Crystalate	159	162	+8	7.3	4.5	8.8
195	55	DDT Group	50	60	..	1.8	2.9	9.8
142	59	Dale Elec	77	84	-5	4.8	5.9	16.7
65	34	Dewhurst	43	48	..	1.7	3.7	17.6
64	30	Do 'A'	38	43	..	1.7	4.1	15.7
645	258	Domino	290	310	..	3.1	1.0	19.7
78	45	Dowding & Mills	57	62	..	2.4	4.0	14.7
245	135	Dubilier	134	144	..	4.5	3.2	13.1
264	157	Electrocomponents	172	175	●+1	5.3	3.0	13.8
178	75	Elec Data Process	100	110	..	2.5	2.4	12.8
270	55	Electronic Mach	100	115	+5	0.4	0.4	
86	48	Electronic Rentals	68	72	+2	4.4	6.3	27.3
510	289	Emess	385	393	●+3	9.3	2.4	21.8
505	288	Eurotherm	265	273	..	7.2	2.7	14.5
213	69	FKI Elect	90	92	+2	1.9	2.1	12.4
278	138	Farnell Elect	138	142	●-2	4.1	2.9	12.8
155	67	Ferranti (aa)	80	82	+4	3.2b	4.0	11.3
118	40	Forward Tech	53	58	+1	1.0	1.8	10.6
251	160	GEC (aa)	173	175	+4	7.3	4.2	11.1
306	173	Harland Simon	197	207	+2			
104	60	Highland Elect	60	63	●	3.4	5.5	9.2
340	148	Hoskyns Gp	215	235	+8	2.2	1.0	30.0
123	81	ITL Go	78	83				..
297	120	Int Signal & Control	132	138	+6	1.0	0.7	..
430	122½	Jones Stroud	155	175	..	6.9	4.2	10.8
483	250	Kode	355	365	..	19.2	5.3	15.3
380	245	Lec Refrigeration	250	260	..	17.1	6.7	12.1
427	210	Logica	240	247	..	2.3	0.9	17.1
578	349	MK Elect	551	558	●+145	17.1	3.1	17.2
369	195	Macro 4	225	235	+5	3.8	1.7	20.7
400	115	Memec	190	210	..	4.8	2.4	20.8
172	71	MBS	80	85	..	0.7e	0.8	76.1
657	345	Microfilm Repro	390	410	●..	4.1	1.0	29.6
207	87	Micro Focus	105	115	+7			
441	181	Microgen	226	233	+1	8.2	3.6	19.3
406	141	Mitel	138	143	-5	..	..	..
34½	15½	Molex	17⅛	18⅛	+½	..	..	..
108	46	Multitone Elect	43	53	-2	2.3	4.8	36.1
68	47	Murray Elect	45	48	●-1	0.3	0.6	73.4
408	238	Newmark (Louis)	235	260		19.2	7.7	11.9
129	77½	NEI	90	101	●+3	7.2	7.2	45.0
265	71	MMW Comp	123	133	-4	4.3	3.4	18.6
47	16	Oceonics	21	33				4.5
454	147	Oxford Instruments	178	185	+1	3.4	1.9	6.6
321	159	P-E International	173	183	-2	4.4	2.5	15.2
181	23½	Phicom	35	38	-1	0.8	2.2	18.3
129½	82½	Philips Fin 5¾%	80	85		575	7.0	..
16¾	7¾	Philips Lamps N/V	9⅛		+⅛			
277	224	Pilco	245	255	..	8.9	3.6	10.0
220	159	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	170	177	..	8.9	5.1	7.0
258	137	Plessey (aa)	145	147	+12	7.9	5.4	9.2
25¾	13⅞	Do ADR 25	13⅛		-⅛			
354	165	Prestac	200	210	●-2	4.3	2.1	10.4
185	72	Quest Automation	80	90		1.3	1.5	6.1
348	184	Racal Elect (aa)	235	237	+6	4.5	1.9	20.0
235	187	Ross	182	192	..	4.8	2.6	19.5
245	130	Scantronic	140	150	..	1.1	0.8	47.2
638	338	Scholes (GH)	425	445	+20	19.2	4.4	14.3
83	38	Sound Diffusion	38	42	●+1	0.8	2.0	10.4
331	160	STC (aa)	202	206	+8	7.2	3.5	11.9
104	52	System Designers	51	54		0.8	1.5	18.7
142½	11¼	TDK	19⅛		+⅛			
326	159	Telephone Rentals	187	195	●+9	11.0	5.8	15.5
78	30	Telemetrix	30	33				1.8
826	432	THORN EMI (aa)	542	550	+22	25.3	4.6	12.9
480	305	Tunstall	290	340	-5	3.7	1.2	19.3
539	275	UEI	295	310	●-7	8.4	2.8	16.0
338	170	Unitech	172	175	+1	10.5	6.0	9.5
358	140	Utd Scientific	180	187	r+9	9.0b	4.9	
578	365	VG Instruments	360	370		5.3	1.5	14.8
481	227	Volex	335	355	+15	14.7	4.3	12.2
199	75	Western Selection	125	136	+4	4.4	3.4	20.8
500	295	Wholesale Fitting	400	410	..	13.8	3.4	16.0

FINANCE, LAND

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
126	33	Abaco	53	55	..	0.6b	1.1	25.0
348	205	Abingworth	200	210	-5	1.7	0.5	
176	75	Aitken Hume	85	95	●-2	4.8	5.3	9.1
333	133	Antofagasta	170	180		9.3	5.3	5.9
560	255	Authority Inv	230	280				16.5

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51½	9½	Eagle Trust	17⅛	18⅛	r-⅛	0.1	0.5	
258	159	Electra	173	177	+2½	4.0	2.3	32.9
240	68	Exploration	170	190		3.4	1.9	19.5
260	150	Framlington	145	165	+5	3.8	2.5	11.6
270	128	Frost Gp	187	192	-3	7.9	4.2	18.4
343	160	GT Management	155	165	●	6.9	4.3	8.3
270	128	Goode Durrant	125	135		3.4	2.6	18.4
17½	560	Henderson Admin	550	650	●+25	35.6	5.9	7.5
289	150	ICH	160	168	●+5	12.3	7.5	6.6
483	85	MAI	98	102	+1	5.5	5.5	
595	225	MAM	235	245	+5	6.9	2.9	8.6
461	219	M & G	215	223	-3	9.6	4.4	16.1
381	149	Smith New Court	195	215	+5	11.0	5.4	10.1
474	140	Tyndall Hldgs	135	150	+3	6.9	4.8	9.0

FOODS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
416	250	AB Food (aa)	305	307	+1	10.4	3.4	10.4
224½	142	ASDA-MFI (aa)	166	169	+4	4.8	2.9	14.8
103	24	Albone Drinks	48	53	+1			
345	105	Appletree Hldgs	85	125	-5	4.8	4.6	
250	159	Argyll (aa)	185	187	-2	6.2	3.3	16.4
246	111	Assoc Fisheries	143	153	-3	6.2	4.2	19.3
610	182½	Banks (Sidney C)	195	215		9.1	4.4	6.3
255	144	Barker & Dobson	168	173	+6	3.4	2.0	23.8
730	322	Barr (AG)	495	515	+5	16.1	3.2	10.8
298	173	Bassett Foods	172	177	+2	9.9	5.7	11.5
121	78	Batleys	83	88		3.2	3.7	9.9
284	151	Bejam	168	172	+3	6.5	3.8	14.5
435	244	Benslord (S&W)	260	265	+4	17.1	6.5	16.8
515	300	Booker	362	370	●-5	19.7	5.4	14.9
112	41	Borthwick	40	42		1.0	2.4	
273	155	Brake Bros	177	187	●	2.5	1.4	18.0
291	185	Cadbury Schwp (aa)	222	223	+2½	9.6	4.3	16.6
237	150	Carrs Milling	140	160		8.9	5.8	8.2
573	285	Clifford's Dairies	500	520	-5	11.4	2.2	26.0
295	196	Do A	193	198	..	11.4	5.8	10.0
142	65	Cullens	60	70	..			
405	270	Dalgety (aa)	282	287	●+4	19.2	6.7	11.5
253	115	Daniels S	110	120		4.5	3.9	11.9
260	145	Dee (aa)	158	162	+1	11.0	6.9	9.7
211	87	England (J)	82	92				
239	105	Fisher (A)	144	147	●+3	4.6	3.2	19.8
375	208	Fitch Lovell	275	278	+9	15.5	5.6	17.0
207	93	Fresbake	102	106		3.2	3.1	16.3
301	171	Geest	217	222	●+1	4.0	1.8	21.4
350	165	Glass Glover	160	180	+5	6.2	3.6	12.8
321	736	Hazlewood Foods	215	220	●+6	3.2	1.5	22.7
358	212	Hillsdown (aa)	254	257	●+8	5.5	2.1	17.9
324	167	Hunter Saphir	193	197		4.5	2.3	19.3
416	271	Iceland Frozen	310	315	●-1	5.4	1.7	23.1
431	241	Kwik Save	280	283	-3	8.6	3.0	16.0
156	33½	Lees (John J)	100	120	● ..	2.2	2.0	17.4
178	85	Lovell (GF)	130	140	..	2.7	2.1	18.6
810	543	Low (Wm)	538	548	●	20.6	3.8	11.9
195	105	Matthews (Bernard)	112	116	+5	2.4	2.1	15.3
435	150	Meat Trade Supp	175	200	+10	4.9	2.6	53.6
377	203	Morrison (W)	259	262	..	2.3	0.9	18.2
378	206	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	230	240	..	9.9	4.2	13.7
96½	44	Normans	50	51	+½	2.9	5.7	11.5
332	204	Nthn Foods (aa)	235	240	..	12.3	5.2	10.5
302	133	Nurdin & Peacock	122	125	..	5.3	4.3	10.5
313	158	Park Foods	165	180		6.6	3.8	10.7
300	57	Ptarmigan	57	67	+2			
369	196	RHM (aa)	293	298	●+13	11.6	3.9	12.3
585	374	Rowntree (aa)	398	407	●	19.5	4.8	11.5
302½	206	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	228	232	-4	5.1	2.2	21.9
197	135	Salvesen (Chstn)	152	155	+5	5.0	3.2	16.3
945	560	Tate & Lyle (aa)	650	655	+8	32.9	5.0	12.4
175	51	Tavener Rutledge	75	85	-10	1.4	1.8	8.8
209	130	Tesco (aa)	160	163	●+2	3.5	2.2	18.7
443	251	Unigate (aa)	260	263	●+3	16.4	6.3	9.0
354	228	Utd Biscuits (aa)	248	250	●+6	13.7	5.5	12.1
260	159	Watson & Philip	160	170		10.7	6.5	17.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
307	137	Friendly Hotels	158	165	●+1	2.0	1.2	24.0
604	343	Grand Met (aa)	402	407	+11	14.7	3.6	13.6
470	205	Kennedy Brookes	220	225	●+3	3.0	1.3	8.6
478	272	Ladbroke (aa)	310	315	r ..	17.8	5.7	13.9
56	19	Norfolk Cap Gp	25	26		0.6	2.4	39.7
165	88	Mount Charlotte	105	108	+3	2.4	2.2	16.6
113½	65	Queens Moat	84	87	+3	2.5	2.9	20.0
680	378	Savoy Hotels 'A'	620	638	+1	5.5	0.9	21.3
134	62	Stakis	73	77	+1	2.0	2.7	17.9
292	171	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	203	205	-3	8.5	4.2	17.2

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
437	160	Bodycote	205	215	●+9	6.0	2.9	14.1
330½	213	Boots (aa)	228	232	●+10	11.4	5.0	13.3
365	135	Booth Inds	190	210		4.1	2.1	13.6
585	302	Bowater	305	308	+3	15.4	5.0	17.3
27¼	11	Bowater Inc	13½	14				
700	148	Braithwaite Grp	203	213	+8			
360	188	Brammer	227	230	-4	17.1	7.5	12.7
72½	15	Brasway	44	48	-2	0.9	2.0	18.4
77	36	Bridgend Gp	47	51		0.3	0.6	32.7
240	97	Bridon	125	127	+21	7.5	6.0	20.5
303	141	Bridport-Gundry	178	183		9.6	5.3	13.4
209	80	Brierley Inv	70	90	-5			
232	117	Br Airways (aa)	140	144	●-2	8.2	5.8	..
315	145	Br Bldg & Eng App	250	300		2.4	0.9	..
192	90	Br Syphon	122	128	-2	5.7b	4.6	15.1
583	286	Br Vita	343	355	+9	10.6	3.0	15.0
485	242	Broken Hill	274	282	●+7			
189	73½	Bromsgrove Inds	110	115	r	2.5	2.2	20.3
34	23	Bronx Eng	28	30		0.7	2.4	30.2
281½	26	Brooke Tool	32	34	-½	2.1	6.4	10.0
245	143	Brown & Tawse	160	165		9.9	6.1	13.9
545	335	Bullough	350	370		16.0	4.4	13.1
395	148	Burgess	215	225	●+2	4.3	2.0	11.7
238	90	Burns-Anderson	100	105	+2	4.2	4.1	18.1
202	61	CH Ind	115	125	-3	4.6b	3.8	11.2
262	85	Camford Eng	120	130	+7	3.4e	2.7	12.9
427	177	Cannon St	223	230	+3	5.5	2.4	17.3
81½	38	Caparo Ind	40	42	●..	2.3	5.6	9.1
180	79	Cape Ind	120	123		4.8e	3.9	9.5
210	87½	Cardo Eng	133	140	+3	5.7	4.2	13.9
200	101	Castings	130	135		5.1	3.8	10.5
74	27	Celestion	23	33		1.4	5.0	16.9
26½	5½	Central & Sheer	9½	11	+1			21.0
119	32	Centreway Ind	63	68	-2	1.4e	2.1	31.7
172	91	Chamberlin Ph	134	138	-5	6.8	5.0	14.9
178	98	Chamberlin & Hill	95	100		5.5	5.6	7.8
478	252	Charter Cons	282	290	+12	17.8	6.2	9.7
895	583	Chemring	595	615	+5	22.6	3.7	11.2
113	19	Christy Hunt	52	57	+2	..	..	48.2
210	80	Claybithe	95	105				
335	158	Clayton Son	225	235		12.3	5.3	7.7
845	500	Cohen (A)	475	525	-20	17.1	3.4	8.2
745	400	Do A	375	425	-20	17.1	4.3	6.6
383	167	Coloroll Gp	207	210	-5	8.3	4.0	13.0
381	103	Concentric	185	195	●+5	8.9	4.7	10.8
275	41	Conrad Hldgs	85	89	●+2	3.4	4.0	24.7
182	85	Cont Stationery	88	93	+1	2.7	3.0	21.4
269	98	Cook (Wm)	90	110	●..	6.9	6.9	6.3
834	395	Cookson (aa)	435	443	●+4	13.7	3.1	12.2
144	86	Cosalt	108	112	+19	5.1	4.6	15.8
360	191	Courtney Pope	195	215		8.2	4.0	10.9
102	46	Cowan De Groot	47	50	-1	3.4	6.9	12.3
227½	172½	Cummins 3¼%	230	235	●	39.7	17	
367	220	DPCE	215	225	-5	3.0	1.4	19.8
480	64	DSC	67	87	+2	0.6	0.8	
405	270	Dalgety (aa)	282	287	●+4	19.2	6.7	11.5
33⅛	19⅛	Dana	20⅛		+⅛			
133	46	Davies & Met 'A	67	77	-3	0.9	1.3	
625	263	Davies & Newman	480	520		19.2	3.8	12.8
221	135	Davis (Godfrey)	158	165		8.4	5.2	15.3
239	118	Davy	117	120	●+2	9.3	7.8	6.6
535	347	De La Rue	393	400	●+4	17.1	4.3	14.2
321	193	Delta	205	212	●+13	10.8	5.1	9.3
770	250	Dentend Stamping	540	640		12.3	2.1	21.1
360	225	Desoutter	225	235	-5	10.6	4.7	9.3
67	32	Dinkie Heel	35	38	●	0.6	2.2	
304	147	Diploma	159	163	-2	8.3	5.1	9.6
150	90	Dobson Park	95	98		7.1	7.3	12.7
167	36	Doctus	95	115				
208	110	Doeflex	130	150		1.6	1.1	
137	74	Dominion Int	77	80	+1	7.5	9.5	8.6
178	86	Dwek	95	100		3.1	3.2	9.3
161	83	Dyson (J&J)	123	127	+7	6.2	5.0	15.7
139	70	Do A	94	98	+4	6.2	6.5	12.1

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
377	258	EIS	257	265	●-1	10.6	4.1	12.7
460	280	Eastern Prod	250	295	●+2	11.7	4.1	6.4
550	178	Ellbro	185	210		11.0	5.6	10.6
103	40	Elbief	45	55		2.0	4.0	30.7
263	125	Eleco	137	147	+2	7.5	5.3	10.8
32¼	18¼	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	20⅛		+⅛			
138	53	Elliott (B)	75	85	●+2	4.1	5.1	
52½	21	Elswick	31	33				56.1
32¼	9¼	Embart	10½		+⅛	1.39	13.2	
580	295	Eng China Clay (aa)	360	366		18.2b	5.0	13.0
28¼	14¼	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	16¼		+⅛	0.90	0.6	
318	145	Erskine Hse	182	195	+4	5.5	2.9	11.2
336	163	Evered	180	187	+9	7.9	4.3	9.7
276	130	Expamet	130	135		9.7	7.3	9.1
130	38	Falcon	68	72				37.0
77	33	Feedex Agric Ind	42	47	r-1	2.1b	4.7	13.5
234	124	Fenner (JH)	133	138	+5	8.6	6.3	11.2
93	58	Fife Indmar	63	68		4.8	7.3	14.1
407	211	Fisons (aa)	258	262	●+20	7.5	2.9	19.3
169	67	Fitzwilton	78	83		1.0	1.2	70.4
151	91	Flexello C&W	90	95		5.8	6.2	9.3
177	60	Fobel	79	89	●+2	2.1	2.5	12.3
84	33	Folkes Group N/V	38	43	●..	2.1	5.1	8.5
105	60	French (Thomas)	65	70	●..	4.0	5.9	24.4
154	93	GEI Int	105	110	●..	8.0	7.4	14.8
434½	235	GKN (aa)	270	273	+6	18.5	6.8	8.4

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
490	53	TSL Group	60	65	..			10.8
510	265	Taco	280	300	..	11.9e	4.1	9.6
155½	49½	Takeda Chem	125⅛		-9¼	..		
51	8	Talbex	24	27	+1			
218	77	Tallos	90	100	+8	5.7	6.0	14.5
180	34	Tex Hldgs	105	115	+2	6.9	6.3	15.5
300	135	Third Mile	275	285	●..	4.5	1.6	22.2
175	73	Thomson T-Line	88	93	+5			
320	175	Tomkins (FH)	204	207	..	4.1	2.0	13.6
439	256	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	315	323	..	18.5	5.8	11.9
280	167	Transcontinental	190	210	..	9.6	4.8	12.0
295	183	Transport Dev	210	225	..	10.6	4.9	13.6
83	20½	Tranwood	48	50	+1	e		
126	31	Triefus	88	93	●+1	2.1	2.3	17.3
238	110	Triplex Lloyd	157	165	-1	4.5	2.8	14.2
178	84	Unigroup	168	173		1.6	0.9	33.2
720	360	Unilever (aa)	465	480	●+16½	14.8	3.1	16.3
138	82¼	Unilever (NV)	96		●+3			
74	20	Utd Guarantee	22	24	-1			
655	197	VSEL	470	490	+20	11.0	2.3	11.2
246	123	Vickers	150	153	+4	8.6	5.7	10.1
205	78	Victor Products	110	120	-5	4.8	4.2	14.4
285	137	Vinten	130	160		4.5	3.1	13.6
149¼	75	Volkswagen	87¼		+1⅛			
280	145	Wade Potteries	140	160	●..	6.0	4.0	14.5
473	257	Wagon Ind	310	318		13.7	4.4	12.7
188	60	Walker, Greenbank	92	95	●..	2.1	2.2	18.1
227	140	Warner Howard	145	165	●-5	3.6	2.3	20.3
193	50½	Waterford Glass	62	67	+4	1.9	2.9	8.5
267	123	Weir	162	167	-1	5.1	3.1	19.2
570	232	Wellcome (aa)	374	380	●+3	3.9	1.0	33.7
79½	31½	Wellman	35	37				6.1
131	33	Westmax	32	37	s+2			
450	280	Whatman Reeve	280	290		4.5	1.6	14.7
134	78	Whessoe	97	102		7.9e	7.9	8.9
380	245	Whitecroft	268	278		13.7	5.0	11.9
265	118	Wilkes (James)	130	140	-2	9.7	7.2	8.7
348	190	Williams Hldgs	225	232	+7	9.1b	4.0	4.6
230	153	Wills Go	150	155		8.8	5.8	11.6
708	403	Wolseley	407	415	●+3	19.2	4.7	9.9
196	52	Wood (SW)	80	90	+2			47.2
140	62	Woodhouse & Rix	75	95		4.1	4.8	10.4
12⅛	55	Worcester	135	155	+5	2.3	1.6	20.7
307	118	Wyndham Eng	180	210		3.0	1.5	20.3
422	181	Yale & Valor	233	238	●+1	10.0b	4.2	
179	107	Young (H)	115	120	+2	5.3	4.5	10.0

INSURANCE

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
347	183	Abbey Life (aa)	228	235	●+3	11.6	5.0	..
19⅞	10⅛	Alex & Alex	10⅜	11⅛		100	9.1	..
794	311	Allianz Vers	372		+27½			
28⅛	16⅜	Am Gen	17		+⅞	89.0	5.2	
393	163	Bradstock	220	235		5.6	2.5	17.9
13	838	Britannic	910	920	+5	53.4	5.8	..
461	275	Com Union (aa)	300	305	+5	19.3	6.4	..
458	305	Equity & Law	440	450	..	11.0	2.5	..
418	160	FAI	200	220				
11¼	723	Gen Accident (aa)	730	805	●+10	41.8	5.2	20.1
11½	757½	GRE (aa)	815	830	●+5	53.4	6.5	23.9
558	352	Heath C E	360	370	●+30½	34.5	9.5	10.0
176	105	Hibernian	110	120	-5	..	..	..
654	11	Hogg Rob & Gill	128	135	+7			
394	224	Legal & Gen (aa)	257	265	●+3	14.1	5.4	33.2
135	120	Lloyd Thompson	123	133	+8			
375	183	London & Man	232	238	+7	10.4	4.4	33.4
497	183	Lon Utd Inv	185	193	-5	11.5	6.1	9.4
46½	28¼	Marsh & McLen	28	28½	+⅛	220	7.8	
443	238	Minet	295	300	●+3	13.4	4.5	11.0
412	115	PWS	170	185	+3	14.4	8.1	11.4
518	285	Pearl (aa)	315	327	-4	16.4	5.1	22.9
11½	718	Prudential (aa)	790	800	●..	41.8	5.3	52.5
599	350	Refuge	380	395	+3	22.6	5.8	23.8
685	343	Royal (aa)	375	385	-3	25.3	6.7	31.1
349	185	Sedgwick (aa)	193	200	+9	16.4	8.3	9.3
338	135	Steel Burrill	150	165	+3	12.7	8.0	8.1
618	295	Sturge Hldgs	345	355		9.3	2.7	22.9
12¼	645	Sun Alliance (aa)	820	830	●+2	35.6	4.3	74.3
13	868	Sun Life	885	910	●+5	40.5	4.5	
407	240	Trade Indemnity	350	362		6.4	1.8	13.0
484	195	Willis Faber (aa)	220	227	+8	15.2	6.8	8.6
128	44	Windsor Securities	57	67	..	1.1	1.8	50.8

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LEISURE

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
301	132	Barr & WA 'A'	210	220	..	12.3	5.7	16.7
335	165	Boosey & Hawkes	160	170		e		24.7
471	143	Brent Walker	280	285	●+8	8.6	3.0	20.8
337	110	Campari	188	198	+5	5.5	2.8	6.9
311	127	Capital Radio	163	167	●+4	8.2	5.0	10.1
306	152	Castle Comm	147	157		5.5	3.6	
275	131	Chrysalis	128	133	-4	9.6	7.3	7.7
690	420	First Leisure	460	465	-12	11.0	2.4	18.8
165	73½	GRA	78	80	-2	1.2	1.5	39.5
185	60	Hemberger Brooks	160	190				24.9
106	34	Juliana's Hldgs	48	51	●..	1.6	3.2	17.6
571	83	LandLeis	186	196	+1			
182	55	Leisure Inv	98	108		2.0	1.9	34.8
232	161	Mecca Leisure	183	193	+6	5.1	2.7	23.7

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17⅞	9	Hamilton	9⅝	-	+⅛			
265	136	Hunting P S	147	157	●+2	12.3	8.1	8.5
81	19	Ibaco	35	38	..	..	..	..
40	7½	Jackson	14	16				9.7
40	10	KCA Drilling	21	24	-1			43.4
397	85	LASMO (aa)	228	230	+10	13.0e	5.7	
233	99½	Do Units	150	165	-2	42.7	27.0	..
68	21	New London Oil	21	24				..
98	11½	Oil Search	42	45	+4			
166	58	Petrocon	60	67	-3	2.5e	3.9	10.1
5⅛	1⅜	Petroz	1⅝	2⅛	+⅛			28.3
80½	33	Premier	53	54	+2½	..		
475	195	Ranger	215	220	+2			
89¾	57	Royal Dutch	60⅛		+1⅛	22.6	3.7	
15½	920	Shell (aa)	10	10⅛	+⅛	63.0	6.3	12.3
362	158	[illegible]	205	225	●-5	9.6	4.5	20.0
145	26	Sovereign	80	83	-5			5.3
55½	14	TR Energy	19	21	r-2	..	..	19.6
36	10	Target	17		+3			
147½	74	Tricentrol	83	84	+2½		e	3.6
261	120	Triton Europe	143	147	+2	7.6	4.8	4.9
326	145	Ultramar (aa)	155	163	+1			
112	40	Woodside	44	48	..			

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	77	[illegible]	130	135	●+3	9.7	7.3	19.7
130	79	Finlay (James)	83	88	●-1	5.7	6.6	
752	326	Harrison Crosfield	510	520	●+2	32.9b	6.4	18.6
950	330	Inchcape	585	595	●+15	30.6	5.2	14.1
363	180	Lonrho (aa)	220	223	+12	16.3	7.3	10.5
120	45	Ocean Wilson	58	63	●..	3.4	5.6	9.5
416	205	Paterson Zoch	280	290	●-2	9.7	3.4	8.8
416	205	Do A	282	292	●+2	9.7	3.4	8.9
423	105	Polly Peck	262	267	+14	8.4	3.2	5.7
108	30	Sime Darby	47	57				
224	56	Tozer Kemsley	55	60	-1	1.5	2.6	5.9

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
367	48	Abbott Mead	190	200	+5	5.2	2.7	13.3
209	69	Addison Cons	85	90	+1	3.6	4.1	9.7
355	271	Assoc Paper	270	275		10.0	3.7	15.3
415	194	BPP	250	300		8.2	3.0	26.3
218	103	Barker (Charles)	113	118		4.3	3.7	11.1
353	191	Bemrose	193	195	-1	13.0b	6.7	10.8
484	180	Boase Massimi	195	200		8.6b	4.3	10.8
326	163	Brunning	195	205		3.4	1.7	50.1
278	137	Bunzl (aa)	155	158	+5	6.2	3.9	15.0
925	470	Carlton Comm	590	600	+15	6.1	1.0	27.9
103	45	Catalyst	63	67				21.6
420	220	Chapman	290	315		12.7	4.2	13.6
460	175	Cropper (James)	185	205		2.2	1.1	9.9
508	302	DRG	347	352	+3	13.4	3.8	15.5
196	98	Davidson Pearce	95	100		4.1	4.3	8.5
190	46½	Delyn Packaging	55	65		1.4	2.3	
12½	176	Eucalyptus Pulp	535	560	-2	5.4	1.0	
403	270	Ferguson Ind	308	313	●-2	12.7	4.1	13.8
413	210	FKB	200	220	-5	4.6	2.2	17.6
470	280	Fitch Design	340	350		10.0	2.9	16.3
97	37	Geers Gross	40	47				12.0
405	185	Gold Greenlees	215	225		5.5e	2.5	13.4
555	251	Hunterprint	345	355		8.0	2.3	16.0
512	195	KLP	215	225		5.9	2.7	9.0
156	51	Kelson	68	72				
271	126	Lopex	152	157	+2	6.0e	3.9	15.1
580	210	Lowe HS & B	273	280	+6	11.9	4.3	11.9
270	144½	MBL Research	200	210	●	4.1	2.0	20.0
275	120	More O'Ferrall	192	197		7.8	4.0	13.6
193	98	Norton Opax	108	112		5.5	5.0	5.6
28	12	Ogilvy & Mather	13		●			
255	57	Olives Paper	133	140		7.9e	1.4	17.6
11¼	412½	St Ives Gp	560	610	●+10	17.9	4.6	10.8
705	329	Saatchi 10p (aa)	382	387	+25	8.6	9.1	
136½	83	Do Conv	93	95	+3	2.5	2.1	12.0
815	338	Sandwick	355	365	+10	7.2	2.0	13.7
490	248	Smith David	310	318	-1	4.7	1.4	
655	295	Smurfit (Jeff)	315	335	●+5	11.4	5.3	11.8
288	199	Usher Walker	210	220	●	2.4	1.2	21.5
548	175	VPI Gp	205	210		4.3	2.2	11.0
391	165	WCRS	192	200		4.7	1.2	29.3
11¼	303	WPP	385	395	●+30	3.4b	1.6	50.0
334	67	Ware	210	220		8.5	4.5	12.4
345	173	Waddington (J)	183	190	●+3	10.7	2.6	32.9
580	252	Watmough	405	415	-5			

PROPERTY

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
136	70	Allied Lon	70	80	●-10	2.9	3.9	10.1
306	98	Arlington Secs	135	150	+5	3.7	2.6	17.2
845	340	Asda	475	525		4.8	1.0	43.2
415	185	Bailey Harris	195	215		5.5	2.7	15.0
60	15	Berkeley & Hay	21	23				29.7
406	278	Bilton (P)	290	310	●+5	18.7	6.2	17.7
720	475	Bradford	490	520	●+5	15.8	3.1	14.7
254½	172	Br Land	215	225	+5	4.8	2.2	14.0
294	168	Brixton	210	217	+1	9.5	4.4	21.9
176	1	CALA	113	123	-2	3.0	2.5	11.5
318	52	Card (A) & Sons	150	170		0.7	0.4	

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
99⅛	95¾	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	99¾	..	7.8	8.463
102¼	94⅞	Exch	10½%	1988	100¾	..	10.4	8.718
101⅛	96	Treas	C9¾%	1988	100½●	..	9.7	8.705
98	92¼	Trans	3%	1978-88	97¼	..	3.1	6.981
101⅛	94¾	Treas	9½%	1988	100⅛	..	9.4	8.695
105¼	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	103	..	11.2	8.788
104⅜	97⅛	Treas	10½%	1989	102¼●	..	10.3	8.786
103¾	96¾	Exch	10%	1989	101⅛	..	9.8	8.867
108	95¾	Exch	10¼%	1989	105	..	9.8	7.646
105¼	95	Exch	11%	1989	103½	..	10.6	8.871
96¾	88⅞	Treas	5%	1986-89	95⅛	..	5.2	7.466
102¼	93¾	Treas	C9½%	1989	101	..	9.4	8.678
96⅛	88⅞	Treas	3%	1989	95½	..	3.1	6.158
111	103⅛	Treas	13%	1990	107⅛	..	12.1	8.797
106½	95	Exch	11%	1990	104	..	10.6	8.852
110⅝	99½	Exch	12½%	1990	107⅜	..	11.6	8.968
92¼	84⅛	Treas	3%	1990	92	..	3.3	6.499
100	93¼	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	99	●-⅛	8.3	8.639
105	94¾	Treas	10%	1990	102¾	..	9.7	8.868
91⅛	80¾	Exch	2½%	1990	89½	..	2.8	6.357
110⅝	96¾	Treas	C10%	1991	104¾	+⅛	9.5	8.371
110½	102¼	Treas	11¾%	1991	107¼	..	10.9	8.925
95⅛	85⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	93⅝	..	6.2	7.986
109⅝	97	Exch	11%	1991	106¾	+⅛	10.3	8.870
90¾	79⅞	Treas	3%	1991	88¾	..	3.4	6.570
99	91	Treas	8%	1991	97	●+⅛	8.2	8.619
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
118½	107	Treas	12¾%	1992	112¾	+⅛	11.3	8.954
106¼	92¾	Treas	10%	1992	103½	+¼	9.7	8.930
108⅛	95⅝	Treas	C10½%	1992	105½	+⅛	9.9	8.937
86⅛	79¼	Treas	3%	1992	85	●-⅛	3.5	6.843
99	89⅛	Treas	8%	1992	96½	+⅛	8.3	8.828
117	100⅞	Exch	12¼%	1992	111¾	..	11.0	9.047
121	104⅞	Exch	13½%	1992	116⅞	..	11.6	9.053
107⅛	93⅛	Treas	10%	1993	104	..	9.6	9.009
118½	107½	Treas	12½%	1993	114⅝	--	10.9	9.063
95⅛	81¾	Fund	6%	1993	90⅝	..	6.6	8.002
125⅛	107⅞	Treas	13¾%	1993	120⅞	..	11.4	9.119
129¾	113½	Treas	14½%	1994	125⅛	..	11.6	9.111
120⅛	103⅛	Exch	12½%	1994	115⅞	..	10.8	9.244
124¾	108¾	Exch	13½%	1994	120¼	..	11.2	9.200

MEDIA & MARKETING

Grade's best way forward

OPINION

Fred Keeling

In the United States, network television consists of three wholly commercial networks and one underfunded public service network. Most Europeans and many Europhile Americans find this lack of balance unacceptable.

We have two publicly-funded networks: BBC1, which increasingly resembles a commercial network without commercials, and BBC2, which relies heavily on programme swaps with BBC1 and whose lack of flair in providing minority or original programming has been exposed by Channel 4.

In the private sector there is one wholly commercial and unofficial network comprised of regional broadcasters and a fourth network, a curious hybrid, that has proved that broadcasting is not as expensive as the other broadcasters had wanted us to believe.

The result of this ad hoc structure that has developed over the last 30 years is that we have a surfeit of minority television — the opposite problem to that of the Americans. It is popularly believed that an additional commercial channel is all that is required to solve our industry's problems. But the FCC, the American broadcasting regulator, discovered more than 15 years ago that the three fiercely competitive networks abused their commissioning powers by demanding of weaker producers the surrender of domestic and international syndication rights. Channel 4 has inherited the sins of its parents in this area in its search for increased funding and independence.

It is unreasonable and undemocratic to expect programmes for minority interests to be shown during peak viewing hours. Fortunately minority programmes tends to be low-budget and therefore broadly equate with the advertising revenue available at non-peak times.

The challenge facing the Government is to design a structure that allows market forces to produce the quality programmes that a better resourced Channel 4 would love to have commissioned. Michael Grade's appointment provides an opportunity for the process to start. Channel 4 should be privatized on the basis that its management and shareholders are entitled to only a modest, fixed share of the advertising revenue available to it, with the balance passed on to programme makers. Its profits would increase with the growth in advertising revenue but it would be regarded as a utility company in the United States — a safe but unexciting investment, whose shareholders might well be concerned citizens.

There are obvious political dangers in commercial companies becoming regional, national and, via satellite, international broadcasters.

Should the Government decide that a similar networking structure is appropriate to ITV during peak viewing hours then regional broadcasters need not fear: they could continue to collect advertising revenue, passing on about 80 per cent of the revenue to the network, which would then give much of it back to them for acceptable programme projects; and they would have no levy to pay as they would no longer be exploiting a monopoly situation.

They would also be entitled to submit programmes for consideration by a much richer Channel 4, although all networks would be obliged to consider programme projects from all sources strictly on merit.

Independent producers (who might well raise capital using the Business Expansion Scheme under revised rules), smaller regional broadcasters and a more contented general public would however be the chief beneficiaries, because they would no longer be unfairly disadvantaged by restrictive practices.

Fred Keeling is a programme distributor.

Prescription for change

BBC2 is to take part in surprising after-dark activities as advertisers target audiences with rare precision

Architects, dentists, even bridge players, could soon have their own specialized television service. Direct television, aimed at target audiences, is on the way by the 1990s. And for doctors at least, it is to become a reality next spring, with far-reaching consequences for health care and the treatment of patients.

A hint of what is in store came last month with the announcement by the BBC of proposals for a subscription television service for doctors, with medical programmes transmitted on BBC2 after close-down hours to specially-adapted video recorders.

The scheme, which would raise an estimated £1 million a year for the corporation, has the personal backing of the Prime Minister. Recent rumblings of discontent within the Home Office are likely to be cast aside shortly as ministers give the go-ahead for the scheme, which probably does not require a change in the broadcasting laws.

Whatever conclusion the Government reaches, British Direct Television, which will make the programmes, intends to start up the advertising-funded service in March next year — with or without the help of the BBC. It is set to sign a contract with Super Channel which will enable daily programmes to be beamed into surgeries and hospitals.

This is only the tip of the technological iceberg, however. The doctors will also be offered a 24-hour data service supervised by the newly-formed British Medical Information Consortium, consisting of key medical, civil and commercial bodies.

Two-way terminals will be capable of receiving a constantly updated service covering everything from the availability of hospital beds to a record bank of patients. In addition, doctors will be able to send information to a central computer under the control of BMIC, which will be able to spot at an early stage any adverse reactions by patients to drugs.

With such sensitive information being handled, ethical control of BMIC is crucial. It will rest with an IBA-style board of governors elected by participating organizations which, it is hoped, will include the DHSS, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the BMA and most of the royal medical colleges.

The result of the combined TV service and medical computerization will be a "fundamental improvement in patient management, in health care and in the quality of the job that the GP is able to do", according to Laurence Greetham, chairman of British Direct Television. Eventually medical and pharmaceutical information throughout Europe will be pooled.

"It will revolutionize the way a general practice operates. In future you will go to your GP and he will look at a television screen to see your records. If he prescribes a drug for you he will be able to compare that with any prescription he has given in the past, and the computer will warn him if the prescription is wrong."

Greetham expects that about 500 hospitals and 5,000 general practices will be linked into the medical information service within five years — with half the nation's population indirectly involved. For the full service, a practice will have to pay around £50 a month per doctor.

If the medical world is ripe for such a revolution, what stops the same specialist TV and information techniques being applied to architects, lawyers, farmers, accountants? "Absolutely nothing, and that is what we intend to do," says Greetham. "We believe that the major growth in television will be in direct television of a specialist type. A full information service has always been promised by the silicon chip but, until now, it has not been delivered in a comprehensive way."

Richard Evans,
Media Editor

Beer without the wallop

This year alcohol-free drinks are in the forefront of the brewers' Christmas battle, as **Hugh Thompson** explains

Such is the demand for Christmas commercial television air time that only top dollars need apply. National campaigns on ITV are now costing £55,000 for 30 seconds — as much as 40 per cent more than at other times of the year. The price, of course, is fuelled by the wine, beer and spirit suppliers. And this year their battle for the nation's throats has a new front — alcohol-free beer, in which the market has doubled in size over the last year to be worth £45 million and is expected to increase tenfold by the turn of the century. But it is also a market which is becoming distinctly crowded.

Next Wednesday the television commercials of the relaunched Barbican beer take their bow. The £2.5 million advertising campaign is an attempt by Britvic, the soft drink arm of Bass, to re-assert its alcohol-free lager as the market leader. Barbican was launched in 1979 with its famous television advertising featuring then high-flying football manager Lawrie McMenemy. It was typical of the product's fortunes that he was later to be prosecuted for drinking and driving.

Joking apart: comedians Lenny Henry and Billy Connolly for Kaliber, ranged against the relaunched Barbican

Since 1986 several new contenders have burst on to the scene, principally Kaliber, brewed by Guinness. Not only did this brand have genuine style but, crucially, it had an acceptable taste. In only 18 months Kaliber is already challenging for market leadership, and several foreign imports from Denmark and Germany, as well as products from Allied, Whitbread, Swan and Tennants have been developed.

"Suddenly alcohol-free brews are making a noise that can be heard in the very noisy beer market," says Simon Barter, Britvic's marketing manager. "This is set against increased concern about health and fitness as well as growing concern about drinking and driving — which, of course, is why this season is so important."

In order to fend off the competition Barbican has changed its taste, its ad agency and its packaging. Bridget Wilkin, senior brand manager in charge of Kaliber, says: "All our advertising has been aimed at making the product credible in its own right. The long-term success of these products will come when they are chosen because people like them and not just because they are driving. The use of street credible comedians such as Billy Connolly, Lenny Henry and Michael Elphick adds to our message. We have produced a credible product for the palate educated on alcohol."

But although the brewers are anxious to move their alcohol-free beers out of the seasonal drinking and driving ghetto, that is where the product starts. Last Christmas Kaliber's sales leapt 400 per cent. In West Germany alcohol-free brews are four times as popular as here.

"The real breakthrough will come when one of these products goes on draught; this will add both to its respectability and to its volume sale," says Peter Russell, director of marketing consultancy Phillips Russell.

The fact that alcohol-free lager is losing its "wimp" image is mirrored by the lager story. When lager (with alcohol) was first pushed hard in the early 1970s many predicted failure: it was associated with women's drinking and most beer is drunk by men. Now it accounts for 45 per cent of all beer sales.

It still remains to be seen whether low and no alcohol beer takes off as a fully-fledged sector in the beer market — like Pils lager or strong real ale — or whether it gets stuck as yet another low-volume bottled product like sweet stout or vintage cider. At present the average outlet sells only 13 bottles of low or alcohol-free beer a week. The success of Perrier, however, shows that a stylish, high-image alternative soft drink can succeed. Without that image, Barbican and the others are going to be mainly products used when the heat is on about drinking and driving at Christmas.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Busy lines

After the crash hot stockmarket tips are boom business

Publishers have responded to recent stock market vagaries with what they call their version of "electronic publishing", becoming in the process the third largest initiators of British Telecom premium-rate calls (after racing form and sexual titillation).

From offices in Hatton Garden, Investors Newsletters now runs 30 financial telephone hotlines covering everything from basics of buying stocks to a market report updated every hour. Its 500 incoming lines can cope with 30,000 calls a day, but one day last month, it claims, 50,000 punched the 0898 numbers, chargeable at 38p a minute peak, 25p non-peak.

Investment Newsletters is introducing shortly its new Sharecall service. For the price of a similar premium rate call, subscribers will be able to call up the price of any stock, using a special code from a free directory. The company has invested £750,000 in special equipment that allows access to the Stock Exchange computer. Other companies are following suit. Next month, for example, the *Financial Times* launches a similar service, FT Cityline.

Investment Newsletters' flagship tipsheet is *City Letter*, a monthly with 600 subscribers at £48 a year, and its managing director, Nigel Harrison, says his *Traded Options Newsletter* is picking up new subscribers strongly as "people look at ways of covering themselves". It now has 4,000 subscribers at £145 a head compared with 350 two years ago. Other titles include *New Issue Bulletin* and *BES Newsletter*.

It is all good business. Investors Newsletters' parent company, Publishing Holdings, also responsible for magazines like *What Investment?* and *What Mortgage?*, recently reported six-monthly profits up 800 per cent at £160,000.

Andrew Lycett

A case of Frost bite

On Sunday BBC1 shows part of a David Frost series about the US presidency.

Hugh Sebag-Montefiore saw him at work

"OK David, go!" barks TV producer Wallace Westfeldt, like a dog owner commanding his prize greyhound to start running.

In the next room, David Frost, with one eye on the cameras, has been chatting half-heartedly to the American presidential candidate seated opposite him. It is Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts. He is being interviewed for Frost's TV series, *The Next President*.

On Sunday BBC1 will show Frost's interviews with American presidents past and present. This is a prologue to a series in which he interviews presidential candidates and their wives. The programmes will be broadcast throughout the United States until February when the first primaries take place.

As the cameras begin to roll, Frost explains to the candidate how the interview will be structured. He has intentionally left this until the last minute; if the interview is to appear spontaneous, the candidate should be made to think on his feet.

'It is far better that I ask about the scandal at the beginning'
David Frost

The conspiratorial half whisper barely audibly over the TV monitor is replaced by the familiar jaunty presenter's voice which has become Frost's trade mark: "Governor, it's very . . . very good to be here on . . . on a heck of a day really. Not the best day of your life."

The day had started badly for Dukakis when he announced at a press conference that his campaign manager had leaked compromising information about fellow Democratic presidential candidate, Joe Biden, plagiarizing Neil Kinnock's general election speeches. This had led Biden to pull out of the presidential race.

Frost at that moment was in an aeroplane halfway across the Atlantic with three hours of travel ahead of him. He was reducing his extensive notes on to two buff coloured folders. They would be used to prompt him during his interview. Dukakis had already done his own preparation; he had asked to see copies of past Frost interviews just as a boxer might study his opponent's previous fights.

Because of his other TV work, Frost only arrived in Boston on the afternoon of the Dukakis interview. By the time the plane touched down, the whole of Boston is humming with news of the Joe Biden/Dukakis affair.

Chick Harrity/US News

Thawing out: Frost gets Governor Michael Dukakis ready for the grilling

John Florescu, co-executive producer of *The Next President*, greets Frost with the news as he sweeps through Customs. The strategy for the interview is worked out in Frost's hotel room. "If you bring up the scandal at the beginning you risk alienating Dukakis; he might even walk out." Florescu says, thinking about the $20,000 it would cost to reschedule the interview.

Frost disagrees: "It is far better that I ask about the scandal at the beginning; once he knows that is behind him he can relax." Frost's view prevails.

As planned, Frost immediately brings up the scandal. But he does not come over as a news reporter hungry for a sensational revelation. Instead his attitude is more along the lines of the friendly family doctor called in to stitch up a wound. The candidate reacts like a patient in the psychiatrist's chair, glad to share his emotional tale with someone so understanding.

When Dukakis explains that campaign manager Sasso himself insisted on resigning, Frost asks whether Dukakis would have dismissed him. Dukakis pauses, and then, seeing that there is no escape, gives Frost the straight answer he has been striving for: "In government, I'm not sure that just one mistake like this one would be grounds for dismissal." It is the kind of comment which could ruin a man's eligibility for the White House.

It turns out that Frost's kid gloves approach hides a sting every bit as lethal as the more direct line. As the interview progresses the candidate's character is exposed by the apparently soft questions. Who else would admit enjoying going to work by bus and buying the groceries? Who else would confess that he was more upset when he lost the 1978 Governor's election than when his beloved brother died?

'I'm not sure that just one mistake would be grounds for dismissal'
Governor Dukakis

When it is Frost's turn to speak, his hands shoot out, fingers splayed like octopus's tentacles, the better to articulate the next question. His piercing eyes never leave the candidate's face except when he casts a quick look at the folders on his knee.

It is almost four o'clock in the morning on Frost's time clock when the interview draws to a close.

Afterwards, Frost jubilantly celebrates what he regards as a successful interview with a Churchillian cigar. "During the last 25 minutes he really opened up," he says. But then he is struck by a sobering thought. "If Dukakis withdraws from the Presidential race, the interview will join the Biden tapes on the cutting room floor. Time wasted . . . Ah well, that's politics," he philosophizes.

"I can't wait to see the programme," says the Dukakis press officer as Frost gets into his car. "I can't wait to get some sleep," says Frost, and then with a royal wave, and a "Bless you," he is whisked into the night.

BYLINES

Oyston's next move?

Could Owen Oyston be planning a regional freesheet to rival Eddie Shah's empire now that *The News on Sunday* has closed? The NoS office manager and accounts staff have been kept on, and Growfar, the company jointly owned by Oyston and the Transport & General Workers Union, is sitting on a reported £800,000-worth of computer equipment. Oyston certainly knows his way around one mainstay of ad-supported freesheets, estate agency, and had experience of free papers at Red Rose Radio, which launched one while he was chairman.

There were no clues last Friday when Oyston entertained NoS staff to a "last supper" in Manchester. But he failed to appear at a similar event for the paper's London staff on Monday. He was too busy preparing for a trip to America and sorrowing journalists and marketing staff had to make do with editor Bill Nutting, still insisting that Oyston's decision to close the loss-making paper had come as a complete shock to him.

Old friends

One of Fleet Street's best-known watering holes is following its clients to new pastures. Scribes, in Carmelite Street, a short stagger from the *Daily Mail* offices, is opening a branch in premises that were formerly part of Barker's department store in Kensington High Street. It is "fortuitous", says Scribes' manager Van Hay, that the *Mail* is moving to the same building.

Bible ban

The IBA is being sued for *£350,000* after banning a TV advertisement for Bible story videos made by Hollywood-based Hanna Barbera Productions, creators of *Yogi Bear* and the *Flintstones*. Hanna's British distributors, Trinity Film Productions, wanted to show pilot advertisments in the TVS region before a nationwide campaign but the ITV Association put its foot down, saying the ads were "directed towards a religious end". Richard Sykes, a solicitor acting for Trinity, says: "Advertising condoms seems to be all right, but not the Bible."

Head-hunting

This tendency to advertise a senior broadcasting job and then appoint a chap who didn't apply is becoming wearisome. Stephen Claypole, editor of BBC External Services news, has just been appointed head of news at Visnews. They approached him three weeks ago, not the other way around, even though the job was advertised worldwide. It is only five months since Claypole was lured from Television Centre by John Tusa to drag the newsroom at Bush House into the 1980s. Expect Claypole's deputy David Spaull to succeed him just as soon as they can track him down to offer him the post. Spaull was given a three-month sabbatical as consolation for not getting the job last time and was last heard of on a houseboat in Kashmir.

Sat success

The future of satellite television in Europe looks fractionally brighter after the successful (if delayed) launch at the weekend of an Ariane rocket carrying the German TV-Sat. Unfortunately no one is yet making the appropriate reception equipment.

Briefing

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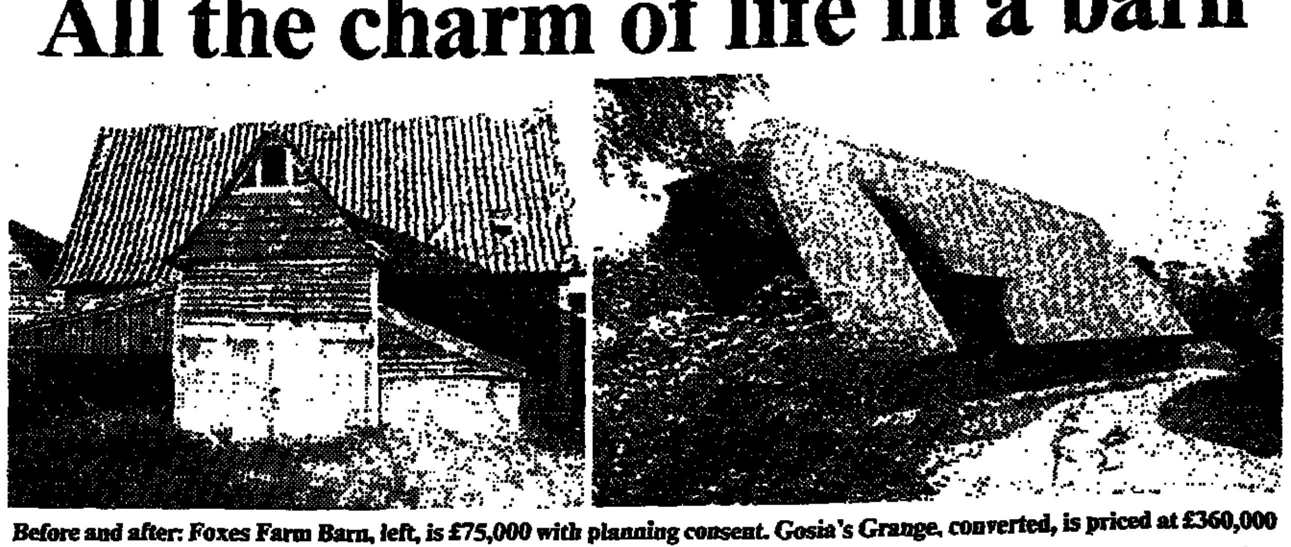

Before and after: Foxes Farm Barn, left, is £75,000 with planning consent. Gosia's Grange, converted, is priced at £360,000

By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

There is something about a derelict barn — the more derelict the better — that tempts man to convert it. It is partly the challenge of bringing a redundant building back into use, partly the romantic vision of the finished article as the ideal country home, and partly the hope that it will provide a home cheaper than one ready for occupation.

In that last hope he is probably wrong, as it costs a great deal of money to put flesh and clothes on the skeleton. A barn costing £50,000 in its raw state can need up to £100,000 spent on it to transform it into a really good home. It will almost certainly cost more than the purchaser first thought.

But this factor helps to give the private individual an advantage over the builder or developer when a barn comes up for sale. The demand is great, and the suitable case for conversion does not appear too often, so there is always enormous interest. Thus barns are frequently sold at auction to achieve their maximum price.

Where the barn and its location have potential for a development of more than one home, particularly if it can be given the popular "courtyard" look, the developer is likely to win, but he has to keep in mind his need to make a profit, and the individual can outbid him in the *profit margin.*

Conversion saves the 15% on alterations

If a barn is listed, there is the possible difficulty in conversion because of restrictions designed to preserve the building, but counterbalancing that is the *benefit of saving the 15 per cent VAT* imposed on building alterations and improvements except for listed buildings.

Streat Place Barn at Streat, near *Lewes, East Sussex, dates from the 16th* or 17th century and is one of the largest traditional Sussex barns to come on to the market in recent years. It is built of flint and brick, with part weatherboarding, and the agents say the main structure is substantially sound, although in need of restoration.

The barn has planning consent for conversion into a house with three reception rooms and four bedrooms, and *there is a range of outbuildings,* including workshops and an old pump house centred around a secluded farmyard, which could be formed *into* a walled garden. The grounds are about three-quarters of an acre. Humberts is seeking offers of more than £130,000. John Husband, from Humberts' Lewes office, says: "In view of the barns's outstanding location as well as the shortage of barns of this calibre, we anticipate considerable interest from potential purchasers."

Strutt & Parker has barns for conversion in Kent and Suffolk. This agent is offering a period barn on the Leeds Castle estate with planning consent for conversion to a four-bedroom country house. Simon Lewis, from the Canterbury office, says that about £120,000 is *expected for the barn. It is of brick and* weatherboard and has fine views over Leeds Castle towards the North Downs — and has easy access to the *M20 for the* fast route to London.

Foxes Farm Barn, at Framsden, near Helmingham, Suffolk, is a traditionally constructed Suffolk barn with outline *planning permission for conversion to* one dwelling. The agents' Ipswich office is selling it for the Tollemache Trustees and is seeking offers around £75,000.

The expected price — and the picture — show how much needs to be done, but it is a delightful old building, believed to have been built in the 16th or 17th *century, and it is in a secluded rural* position. The buildings form a sheltered courtyard and stand in more than half an acre. Strutt & Parker points out that it is situated in an attractive and increasingly valuable part of the county. The challenge is there.

The same agents are selling Hall Barn at Campsea Ash, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, and the leap in price is clear to see in this already converted barn. It dates from the 18th century and has been professionally converted by Pathcroft *Ltd in association with Harper Byatt,* and is of mainly timber-frame construction, clad in weatherboarding under a newly thatched straw roof.

Its name comes from the grand full-*height* hall room, and the barn is full of exposed timber. In addition to the great hall, there is a sitting room, a dining room, a *galleried landing,* a master bedroom suite and three further bedrooms. The purchaser can also choose the kitchen fittings, and outside there is an extensive range of bays, which, subject to planning permission, could be suitable for further conversion. The barn stands in about one acre, and Jonathan Penn, of the agents' Ipswich office, says it offers the potential to create an extremely comfortable family property, enjoying the *benefits of a new property* but with the aesthetic appeal of a timber-framed period property. "It is for this reason that barn conversions are so popular in Suffolk at present," he says. The asking price is around £180,000.

Hampton & Sons is selling a medieval tithe barn, with a barn complex originally *fortified against wolves and foxes,* at Wimbush, Essex.

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The prices are not always extremely high

Converted barns do not have to cost that much. Black Horse Geering & Colyer at Rye, East Sussex, has two conversions near Hastings — Stalkhurst Barn at Guestling, with five bedrooms, at £165,000, and The Barn at Fairlight, with four bedrooms, at £163,000.

The price goes up again with the Trinity Barns, at Weston, near Petersfield, Hampshire, converted into three houses. The first, with four bedrooms, is for sale through Weller Eggar at Bishop's Waltham at around £285,000.

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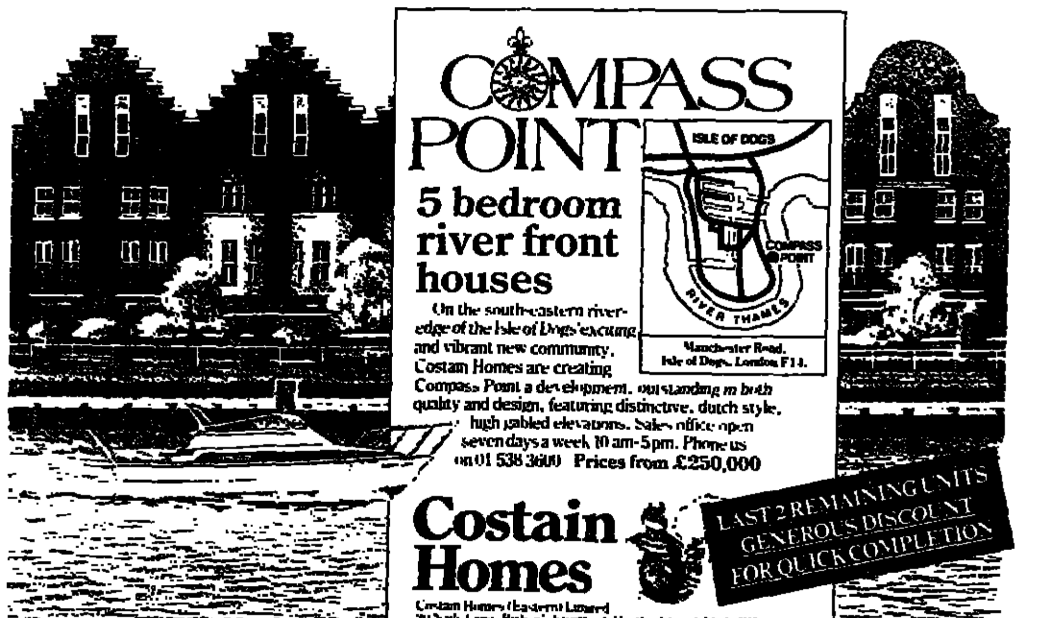

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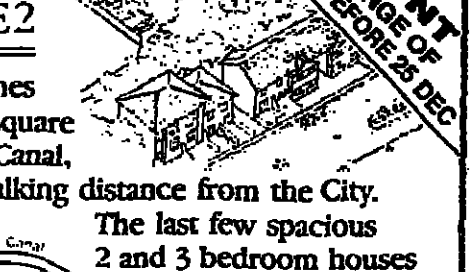

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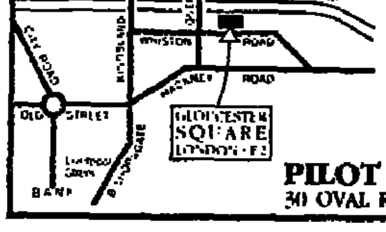

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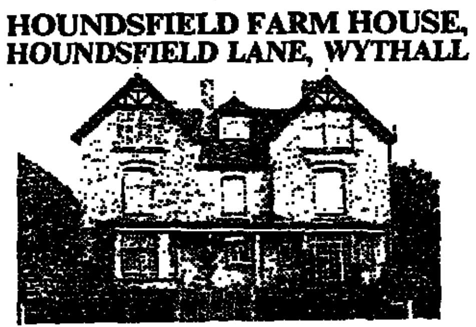

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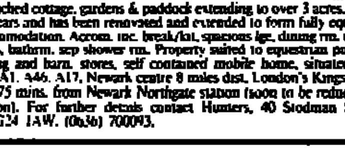

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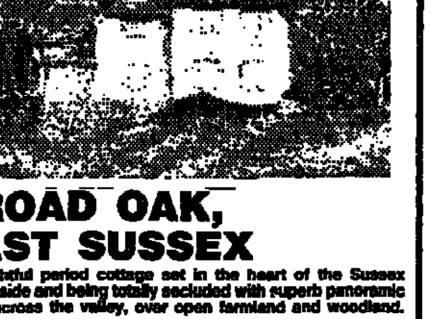

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Bridge for sale: £1

■ This week's cheapest property costs £1. However, potential buyers should know that the agents, Knight Frank & Rutley, are seeking someone who would undertake full restoration and that the property is a bridge. The High Bridge at Leighton, near Welshpool, Powys, is in a wooded valley east of the Severn and is one of many notable structures on the Leighton estates, acquired in the last century by the Naylor family. It was built in 1858 as a carriageway for horse-drawn vehicles, decorated with gargoyles and a crest, with the alluring dimensions of 18ft wide, 44ft high and three 20ft spans. It is listed Grade II and needs restoration. Demolition has been refused. The agents, at Shrewsbury, await £1 offers.

■ **The Old Grange in Hampton Village south of the Thames was once owned by the Shakespearian actor David Garrick. Now the twin Dutch gables of the house hide eight double bedrooms, a smoking room and a room built as a bakery in Tudor times. The Grade II listed building, with well preserved period detail inside, and with a walled garden, is for sale through Black Horse Gascoigne-Pees' Teddington office at £450,000.**

■ Astwood Park Farm, a country house in 10 acres on the edge of a Buckinghamshire village between Newport Pagnell and Bedford, was straddled by bombs dropped in 1940, and still has cracking on its half-landing to prove it. The house has been extensively improved since 1982 and, say the agents, now needs only internal decoration and minor work. It has three reception rooms and four bedrooms, and outbuildings, including stables, which could be attached to the house and converted to further accommodation. The joint agents Jackson-Stops & Staff and R.H. & R.W. Clutton want offers of more than £260,000.

■ **Fir Tree cottage is a Grade II listed cottage near the church at Earl Soham, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. The cottage, dating from the 17th century, is part timber-framed and part brick under a newly rethatched roof and was extended in 1969. It has two reception rooms and three bedrooms. Strutt & Parker's Ipswich office is seeking offers around £130,000.**

■ Mackerye End, near Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, is an outstanding Grade I listed house dating from the early 16th century. The brick-built house has a central bell tower and elaborate late Jacobean chimney stacks. There has been a house on the site since 1307 and the grounds of more than 11 acres contain what is "possibly" (say the agents) Britain's oldest tulip tree, planted in 1581. The property, for sale with two cottages, has three reception rooms and a library, six main bedrooms and three further bedrooms. The outbuildings include garages and stabling. The property needs modernization. Knight Frank & Rutley wants offers of more than £1 million.

Hailsham Grange in East Sussex, a Grade II listed Queen Anne house, was described by Pevsner as "the one really worthwhile building in Hailsham", which may be a harsh judgment on the other buildings in the town but is a fine accolade for the house itself. Hailsham Grange, built in 1704, was at one time the vicarage to St Mary's Church. It has many original features, including an Adam fireplace, which came from the town house of Lord Derby in Stratford Place. The house has three reception rooms, a conservatory, a master bedroom suite and three further bedrooms. There is also a self-contained flat, and the walled and secluded gardens include a coach house, which is at present a garage and store rooms, but could, subject to planning, be converted into a separate residence. Humberts' Lewes and London offices are seeking offers of more than £375,000

The cleaner face of Soho

Soho in the heart of London is certainly a lively area, but would you want to live there? Most people these days would rather not, but there is no doubt that the area is changing.

Westminster City Council, in whose area Soho lies, is keen to get private enterprise and sponsorship involved in a renewal programme, and the agents, Druce, point out that investors have realized it is probably the last area in central London with great potential for improvement and growth in residential accommodation.

Westminster has now published a brochure, *The Streets of Soho*, which is not about the traditional streetwalkers but instead calls on local businesses and residents to provide financial support for an extensive programme of high-quality improvements in the area. The council's five-year environmental improvement programme known as the Soho project is costing £2.4 million. It is aimed at restoring and conserving the area's character and vitality and at allowing people to walk in a safe, clean and attractive neighbourhood.

Already private sponsorship has raised more than £200,000 towards the cost of improving the streets of Soho, and several of the projects – such as the pedestrianization of Gerrard Street and improvements in China Town – have been completed.

The agents, part of the Hanover Druce group, are convinced that the area can only improve. Bernard Gordon, the agents' joint chief executive, says prices are 80 per cent cheaper than in Mayfair. He says a two-bedroom flat in Brewer Street, Soho, would cost about £125,000 for a 90-year lease, while a similar flat in Mayfair would be £225,000.

Mr Gordon says: "The Mayfair buyer is unlikely to buy into Soho. It is the new money, executives still just clutching at Big Bang salaries, advertising, public relations and visual arts executives who all want to live in the area, but who also recognize the potential financially and romantically."

A new development of 24 apartments in Marshall Street by Gable House Estates sold in less than two months, and a one-bedroom flat valued at £85,000 sold for £135,000 eight months later. It is interesting that 70 per cent of the purchasers are investors, 37 per cent of that number coming from overseas.

The demand for all types of residential property is strong, and there is an increasing move towards changing current commercial and office buildings back to residential accommodation. In Meard Street an unmodernized one-bedroom flat can be purchased for about £85,000, and is worth about £150,000 when improved.

In the same street Druce is selling an apartment with the original 18th-century wood panelling discovered beneath the grime of ages. In this Grade II listed house the one-bedroom apartment, now refurbished, is offered at £149,000.

Mr Gordon says the up-and-coming places to watch are Meard Street and Broadwick Street, and adds that the letting market is also improving. "Much of Soho consists of listed buildings, and progress of the whole areas depends on good refurbishment. There is little space for new development unless unlisted buildings are demolished and that depends on the future policy of Westminster Council.

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England given N Zealand referee

When England play Australia on tour next year, their internationals will be handled by a New Zealand referee — which means, in theory, that they could renew acquaintance with Keith Lawrence, whose decision to award David Campese a controversial try during the World Cup group A match between the two countries last May caused England so much anguish (David Hands writes).

In fact, David Bishop, from Southland, was nominated New Zealand's leading referee at the end of their season and would, presumably, be the front-runner. Wales will be on tour in New Zealand at the same time and their two internationals will go to a Frenchman.

Three of the four home countries have yet to select their refereeing panels for the five nations championship. The exception is England, who have confirmed that last year's trio, Roger Quittenton, Fred Howard and Colin High, will serve again.

Ireland, who have to replace the retired David Burnett, may decide their panel today, knowing that they must provide referees for two five nations games and the Argentina-France series next summer. Scotland's panel will probably be announced after the SRU meeting on December 5 but Scottish officials will handle one five nations match and two of the games between Australia and New Zealand in the summer.

The third of that series goes to England, who also have two five nations games, as do Wales. France and South Africa share responsibility for the three remaining games.

Andrew mindful of what lies ahead against Light Blues

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The relationship between the Welsh Rugby Union and leading Welsh clubs, already strained over the question of a national league, will not have been improved by the lack of support for the WRU coaching committee's World Cup debriefing in Cardiff at the weekend.

Only 10 club coaches attended and Tony Gray, Wales's coach, said: "We are asking for assistance in our quest to improve Welsh rugby but the clubs don't seem to agree and the attitude is one of complacency. The game at national level is changing fast and the gap between club and international players will continue to grow unless clubs do something about it. For the second time in just over a year, important people who could have played a significant part in debate were missing."

Some traditions remain intact: the game between Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV and Cambridge University at Grange Road this afternoon, for instance, which celebrates its fortieth year today. Even here, however, there are overtones of the wider competitive world outside.

Rees, the Nottingham flanker, mindful of his club's league match with Wasps at the weekend and favouring a slight injury, has withdrawn from the invitation side, though the same game has not stopped Andrew replacing the unavailable Richards, of Swansea, at stand-off half.

Andrew will hope to emerge unscathed so that he can resume his Yorkshire and England partnership with Melville at half back on Saturday. Melville, the former England captain, has been chosen three times for Wasps' senior side this season but work commitments have prevailed; now he has been chosen for a fourth time, thus enabling him to demonstrate to the North's selectors that he has lost none of his known qualities.

London will be lucky to have Oti available for their opening divisional match against the North on December 5. The Cambridge wing misses today's game with a torn hamstring and is doubtful for the University match on December 8.

Nor do the Light Blues have Hall, the Wales B centre, against Steele-Bodger's XV; he strained rib muscles again at the weekend

M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV: P Thorburn (Neath and Wales); M Bailey (Wasps and England), S Burnhill (Leicester), D Woodrow (Northampton), E Rees (Neath and Wales); R Andrew (Wasps and England), A Williams (Swansea); D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals and Scotland), I Abercrombie (London Scottish), A Tucker (Bedford and Zimbabwe), F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP and Scotland), J Orwin (Bedford and England), R Norster (Cardiff and Wales), M Skinner (Harlequins), A Ripley (Rosslyn Park and England, capt).

Test for Warwickshire

The second semi-finalist in the Toshiba county championship will be decided today when Warwickshire play North Midlands at Coundon Road (David Hands writes). Gloucestershire, who beat Cornwall at the weekend, were first to arrive at the knockout stage, and Lancashire, *if they beat Durham on Saturday*, will be the third.

Warwickshire hope Robbins and Steve Thomas, both key players, are fully fit against North Midlands, who scored 51 points in their divisional semi-final against East Midlands.

The London semi-finalists will not be known until the new year because of the postponement of the Middlesex-Surrey game from November 11 *until this evening*. The winner will play Hertfordshire. Surrey are lacking some of their Rosslyn Park players, partly because the Park play Loughborough Students this evening.

Back to the fray: Nigel Melville, the former England captain, handed another chance to resurrect his career

Bucton brings out the best

By Michael Stevenson

The troughs and crests of sport are well known to the talented Saracens centre, John Bucton. A fortnight ago he was sitting in a train with his Yorkshire colleague, Rob Andrew, knowing full well that it would arrive too late for the Roses match at Orrell.

Andrew got on to the field for 10 minutes as a replacement. Bucton did not play. This most frustrating event in an eventful season was forgotten last Saturday at Otley, when, aided by his ebullient brother, Peter, at No. 8, he laid on a brilliant exhibition of centre play.

Earlier in the season, when playing for Saracens against Headingley, there had been few pyrotechnics: but as the game developed one was increasingly aware that all the other Saracen backs were playing well.

This is one outstanding facet of his game: the ability to bring the best out of others. He times a pass precisely; he seldom fails to feed a colleague who is in a more advantageous position: he never automatically distributes poor possession. He is an excellent team man.

The other side of his game was apparent at Otley, as Durham found to their cost. Playing opposite him was Will Carling, a contender for an England place, but all the high-class centre play came from Yorkshire, for whom John Bentley, Bucton's partner, also excelled.

Searing acceleration and real pace on the outside break, a good dummy and, like his brother Peter, steadfast dedication to keeping the ball alive, rather than slowing a movement down through physical contact, were all apparent, plus the unselfish ability to part with the ball at the right time.

Bucton is a product of Marist College, Hull; he played Rugby League in his formative years when at junior school and is, he says, fortunate with his coaches: "All the coaches I have had from college to the present day have wanted to play an expansive game. The outstanding example, of course, is Yorkshire."

He comes from a fanatically keen sporting family. Father was a capable footballer, a third brother, Nick, plays at Liverpool St Helens and "... the youngest of my two sisters, Helen, is heavily into netball and five-a-side football."

Tony Russ, the Saracens coach, is an amateur psychologist. Before the season he invited his players to state a set of targets for the coming season. Bucton's targets: "I said I wanted to play well for Saracens, to play for Yorkshire and the North and earn a place in the England squad." Some of his admirers may think that he was still underselling himself.

Abercrombie is a godsend

By Chris Thau

Major Stanley's men having taken the pulse of Oxford University the other week, it is the turn today of Mickey Steele-Bodger's irregulars to provide the bookies with an insight into the preparedness of Cambridge University for the university match.

One of Steele-Bodger's most uncompromising "examiners" is *to be the new London Scottish* hooker, Iain Abercrombie, formerly of Auckland and Takapuna Rugby Club. The arrival in London of the hooker, aged 30, after a year's stint with the French club, Hyères, was greeted by the Scottish coach, Ron Wilson, as a godsend.

"We need badly a pack leader with experience and authority," he said. "He'll bring the much-needed leadership and confidence we've been missing since the departure of Jeremy Macklin."

With more than 70 representative games for the unbeatable Auckland side, Abercrombie seems ideally suited to provide a sense of purpose and confidence. He has an impeccable Scottish pedigree — his father, Gilbert Abercrombie, seven times hooked for Scotland in 1949 and 1950 — and as a double passport holder he can play for Scotland.

Club rugby in Britain was a novel experience for him. He played a few games for the Scotland seconds before graduating to the first team last weekend. Not unexpectedly, the standard failed to impress him. "These have been the worst four weeks in my entire hooking career. Every time I have lifted one of my feet off the ground to strike, we were pushed backwards," he said.

After this not entirely fulfilling experience, he must relish the prospect of packing down alongside strong and seasoned campaigners of the likes of David Sole, of Scotland, and Andy Tucker, of Zimbabwe.

Abercrombie finds the ball skills of British forwards below *par compared to those of their* New Zealand and French peers.

"There is a tendency to maul far too much. On the one hand, *the maul ball is not good for a* running game. It is slow and could be good for the five-eight to kick. Rucking, on the other side, is not encouraged by British referees, who blow the whistle as soon as the ball carrier goes to the ground."

Abercrombie accepts that he may have been spoiled by playing alongside props of world-class calibre like Steve McDowell and John Drake. Yet he *sees no reason why the exiles* should not be able to emulate this type of performance.

SKIING

Swiss still lords of the white circus ring

By Iain Macleod

Olympic glory in Calgary provides the spur as a new World Cup season begins in the Italian resort of Sestrière tomorrow. Whatever the rewards offered by the "white circus", a moment's inspiration on the slopes of Nakiska will turn the glint of Olympic gold into a wealth of commercial endorsements.

The World Cup, however, remains the supreme test of ability and consistency. Its structure is not flawless: though attempts to check Serge Lang's often wayward prodigy produced a reduction in the number of races: to 30 for the men and 29 for the women. The scoring system has also been altered and this season every result counts towards the final standings.

There was welcome news for two of the sport's great prodigals, Ingemar Stenmark and Marc Girardelli, now happily restored to the Olympic family. Stenmark delighted the Swedish Federation by renouncing lucrative, personal commercial contracts, and the Austrian-born Girardelli finally obtained Luxembourg citizenship.

All eyes, though, will focus on the all-conquering Swiss. For unless Austria can reverse its declining fortunes, the battle for Alpine supremacy will yield little in the way of change. Austria's beleaguered coaching staff are under intense pressure to produce winners.

Mader, Steiner and Eder restored some credibility at the world championships in Crans-Montana. But a nation weaned on success demands more than respectability — especially when the Swiss win virtually everything in sight.

The Swiss (17 of 20 titles) monopolized last season's awards ceremonies, including a clean sweep of the women's titles. And, with unrivalled depth, the Swiss squad will again provide little respite from the strains of *Cantique Suisse*.

The spotlight will continue to focus on the all-rounders. Two of the ilk, Pirmin Zurbriggen and Maria Walliser, are strongly favoured to retain their overall titles. Zurbriggen's main rival is Girardelli, and they are closely matched. Zurbriggen, however, has the might of the Swiss franc behind him; Girardelli remains a one-man band.

Zurbriggen's one blemish last season was the world championship downhill. The veteran campaigner, Peter Muller, emerged victorious and, he, Zurbriggen, and his compatriots, Heinzer, Mahrer and Alpiger, have a stranglehold on the event.

Of the non-Swiss, the West Germans, Worndl, Bittner and the versatile Wasmeier, have made great strides, and with a handful of Italians, Swedes, Yugoslavs and Austrians will at least ensure healthier competition in the slaloms.

Miss Walliser defends the women's overall crown aware that the greatest threat emanates from the Swiss.

The retirement of the double world champion, Erika Hess, provides the most intriguing prospect of all: that the gap might be filled by a non-Swiss, the gifted Yugoslav, Mateja Svet, aged 18, who won a silver and two bronze medals at Crans-Montana.

British hopes, boosted by a £500,000 three-year sponsorship deal with Drambuie, rest with Martin Bell and Lesley Beck. Beck's astonishing tenth place in the world championship slalom augurs well for the future.

Bell's indifferent season still hit a high note when he finished sixteenth in the Crans downhill. If he can rediscover the form of two seasons ago, when four top 10 placings clearly illustrated his potential to win a World Cup downhill, a dream may be realized.

World Cup calendar

November 26-29: Sestriere, Italy: men's slalom and giant slalom, women's slalom and super-giant slalom; **Courmayeur, Italy:** women's slalom. **December 4-6: Val d'Isere, France (BBC):** men's downhill, two women's downhills. **11-13: Leukerbad, Switzerland (BBC):** women's downhill, slalom, super-giant slalom and combination. **12: Val Gardena, Italy (BBC):** men's downhill. **13: Alta Badia, Italy (BBC):** men's giant slalom. **16: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy:** men's slalom. **19-20: Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia (BBC):** men's slalom and giant slalom; **Piancavallo, Italy (BBC):** women's slalom and giant slalom. **22: Bormio, Italy:** men and women's parallel slalom. **31: Schladming, Austria (BBC):** men's downhill. **January 5: Bad Wiessee, West Germany:** men's slalom; **Megève, France:** women's giant slalom. **9-10: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, West Germany (BBC):** men's downhill and super-giant slalom; **Les Diablerets, Switzerland (BBC):** women's downhill and giant slalom. **15-16: Pfronten, West Germany:** women's downhill and super-giant slalom. **17: Lenggries, West Germany:** women's slalom. **16-17: Kitzbühel, Austria (BBC):** men's downhill, slalom and combination. **19: Adelboden, Switzerland:** men's giant slalom. **23-24: Wengen, Switzerland (BBC):** men's downhill and super-giant slalom. **23-24: Badgastein, Austria:** women's downhill, slalom and combination. **30-31: Chamonix-Morzine, France (BBC):** men's downhill and giant slalom; **Maribor, Yugoslavia (BBC):** women's slalom and giant slalom. **February 12-28:** Winter Olympic Games, Calgary. **March 1: Grouse Mountain, Canada:** men's giant slalom. **4-6: Aspen, United States:** women's downhill, slalom and giant slalom. **5: Whistler Mountain, Canada (BBC):** men's downhill. **12-13: Vail-Beaver Creek, United States (BBC):** men's downhill and super-giant slalom; **Rossland, Canada:** women's downhill and super-giant slalom. **19-20: Are, Sweden (BBC):** men's downhill, slalom and combination. **22: Opdal, Norway:** men's slalom. **24-27: Saalbach, Austria (BBC):** men's slalom, super-giant slalom and parallel slalom, women's downhill, giant slalom and parallel slalom.

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Justices liable in damages after insufficiency of inquiry into unpaid rates

Regina v Manchester City Justices, Ex parte Davies

Before Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment November 16]

Where because of the justices' insufficiency of inquiry they had failed to address themselves to the question of whether a ratepayer's failure to pay outstanding rates was "due ... to his culpable neglect", within the meaning of section 103(1)(b) of the General Rate Act 1967, before committing him to prison, they were liable to the ratepayer for damages at large, not limited to one penny, for wrongful imprisonment.

Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application by Mr Barry Davies for damages, pursuant to Order 53, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, against Manchester City Justices arising out of a sentence of imprisonment on July 16, 1986 pursuant to a warrant of commitment later quashed as unlawful by Mr Justice Webster in judicial review proceedings on September 22 1987.

Section 103 of the General Rate Act 1967 provides: "(1) ... (a) on the application for the issue of a warrant for the commitment of any person, the magistrates' court shall make inquiry in his presence as to whether his failure to pay the sum to which he was rated and in respect of which the warrant of distress was issued was due either to his wilful refusal or to his culpable neglect ...".

Section 52 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 provides: "(1) ... this section shall have effect where, in any action brought against a justice of the peace for anything done by him in the execution of his office ... the plaintiff is ... entitled to recover damages in respect of a conviction or order and ... proves that he was imprisoned under the ... order and seeks to recover damages for the imprisonment, but it is also proved — (a) that the plaintiff ... was liable by law to pay the sum he was so ordered to pay, and (b) where he was imprisoned, that he had undergone no greater punishment than that assigned by law for ... non-payment of the sum he was so ordered to pay.

"(2) In the circumstances specified in subsection (1) ... the plaintiff shall not be entitled ... to recover any sum beyond the sum of one penny as damages for the imprisonment, and shall not be entitled to any costs."

Mr Mio Paul Sylvester for Mr Davies; Mr Mark Turner for the justices.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the rating authority applied to the justices and obtained a warrant of committal in respect of the non-payment of the balance of his rates. The justices concluded that the applicant's failure to take the advice of his accountant either to close his business or to go bankrupt constituted culpable neglect and on that ground committed him to prison.

He remained there for nearly eight weeks when he was released on bail. He made an application for judicial review and leave was given to amend those proceedings to include a claim for damages against the justices.

On September 22, 1987 Mr Justice Webster quashed the warrant on the ground that the justices and their clerk paid no regard to the necessity of establishing, before they had a power to commit anyone to prison, that the failure to pay the rates was due to culpable neglect. There was no conclusive evidence, a necessary pre-condition of a committal order, that the applicant's failure was due to his culpable neglect in failing to take the accountants' advice.

Mr Justice Simon Brown said that the issue of damages was limited to two questions: (1) Were the justices liable in damages for the applicant's unlawful imprisonment? (2) If so, were such damages limited to one penny by section 52 of the 1979 Act.

On the first question, his Lordship said that the decision in *In re McC (a Minor)* ([1985] AC 528) established three categories in which the justices were to be regarded as liable in damages:

1 Where persons exercising a limited jurisdiction were liable in damages for consequences flowing from a purported exercise of the jurisdiction beyond the relevant limit. That is to say, they did not have "jurisdiction of the cause".

2 Where something quite exceptional, some gross and obvious irregularity of procedure had occurred which ousted the justices' jurisdiction so as to deprive them of protection from civil liability.

3 Cases exemplified by *O'Connor v Isaacs* ([1956] 2 QB 288) which established the clear principle that justices, although they had "jurisdiction of the cause" and conducted the trial impeccably, might nevertheless be liable in damages on the ground of acting in excess of jurisdiction if their determination of the complaint against the defendant did not provide a proper foundation in law for the order made and in pursuance of which he was imprisoned.

His Lordship rejected the justices' submission that they had merely failed to recognize the need for a causative link between the applicant's culpable neglect and his failure to pay the outstanding rates and that that was not of a nature or degree to bring them within any of the categories of *In re McC*.

His Lordship said that he would not go so far as to characterize the insufficiency of the justices' inquiry here as a gross and obvious irregularity, but would equate their plain failure to address themselves to the question of whether or no the applicant's failure was "due ... to his culpable neglect" within section 103(1)(b) with the justices' failure in *In re McC* to inform a young offender of his rights to apply for legal aid as a precondition to passing sentence of detention.

His Lordship said that he shared the view of Mr Justice Woolf in *R v Waltham Forest Justices, Ex parte Solanke* ([1986] 1 QB 479) and held that the justices' failure to take steps required by section 103 of the 1967 Act, and having regard to *McC*, the justices acted without jurisdiction.

His Lordship turned to limitation of damages under section 52 of the 1979 Act and said that the reference to "action brought" and "plaintiff" created no difficulty and he would continue the judicial review application as if commenced by writ: see Order 53, rule 9(5) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

In order to invoke the protection of section 52 the justices had to establish:

1 that the action brought against them was for something done by them in the execution of their office as justices;

2 that the plaintiff "was liable by law to pay the sum he was so ordered to pay" (requirement (a));

3 "that he had undergone no greater punishment then that assigned by law ... for non-payment of the sum he was so ordered to pay" (requirement (b)).

It was conceded that the first requirement was satisfied.

As to requirement (a) his Lordship did not accept Mr Davies's submission that the meaning of the word "order" at its widest must necessarily refer to a court order, but that the justices were correct in relying on *The Queen (Ex parte Vestry of St Mary Islington) v Price* ((1880) 5 QB 300) where it was held with regard to a rate demand that "the rate itself was the order".

Requirement (a) was therefore referring to the underlying order giving rise to legal liability to pay the sum in question and thus the justices satisfied requirement (a).

As to requirement (b) the justices submitted that they were to enjoy the benefit of the 1979 Act where they could show that, whatever went wrong in the proceedings, the plaintiff got no more than his just deserts and that their liability was limited save: (i) where the justices could not prove that the plaintiff was in fact the transgressor; (ii) where, assuming the plaintiff guilty or financially liable, he underwent greater punishment than assigned by law. That meant he served a term of imprisonment beyond the statutory maximum provided. But the justices argued that neither circumstance obtained here.

Mr Davies submitted that he did undergo greater punishment than that assigned by law for non-payment of rates and that in order to satisfy requirement (a) the justices had to establish that the order was the rate demand itself. Further, he submitted that the remedy provided by law for non-payment of a rate was a distress warrant and that only if insufficient distress was levied then the law enabled the rating authority to make applications for a warrant of commitment.

Where such application was made, he submitted, the law did not permit imprisonment save only if the requirements of section 103 were properly satisfied.

His Lordship accepted Mr Davies's submissions as valid although his first submission was unsustainable having regard to the concluding words of section 96(1) of the 1967 Act: "... if there is insufficient distress, he may be liable to imprisonment ...".

The answer to the question: "Did the applicant get his just deserts?" was an emphatic "No". The criminal element of blameworthiness — an element expressly provided by Parliament to be a necessary precondition to the proper issuance of a warrant of commitment — was absent.

It was a possible construction of section 52(1)(b) that 'three months' imprisonment should be regarded as the punishment assigned by law for non-payment of a rate demand. However, that was not the only available construction and there was no good reason to construe the provision benevolently in favour of the justices.

The justices were held liable for damages at large — the amount to be assessed.

If that caused justices to pause longer before sending ratepayers to prison, that would be no bad thing. Section 53 of the 1979 Act expressly provided for the justices' indemnification out of local funds.

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Essence of apology for libel

Pine v McMillan

It was of the essence of an apology tendered in respect of a defamatory publication that it should not only withdraw the defamatory allegation but also apologise for the harm done to the plaintiff's reputation.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nourse) so stated on November 18, dismissing an appeal by the defendant from Mr Justice McNeill who on March 12 had awarded the plaintiff £5,000 damages for libel.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that although he did not say that a retraction of a libel without such an apology could never be sufficient to mitigate damages, the sufficiency of such a retraction was a matter for the jury or, in the absence of a jury, the judge as the trier of fact.

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RACING

Forgive'N Forget to complete the treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Forgive'N Forget is napped to win the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase for a third year in a row at Haydock Park today.

Anyone doubting his ability to give his best first time out need only to refer to his record for reassurance. He has in fact won on his seasonal reappearance for the past three years.

His trainer, Jimmy Fitzgerald, had him ready to run at Wetherby last month but he withdrew him on the day of the race because he objected to those controversial fences on the Yorkshire track.

So with another three weeks work under his belt, Forgive'N Forget should be as hard as nails now.

Quite recently, I asked Fitzgerald to give me two horses to follow this season, forgetting Forgive'N Forget. "Don't forget Forgive'N Forget" was his instant reply, advice accompanied by a smile and a knowing wink. I have taken him at his word.

Apart from winning today's race twice, Forgive'N Forget has captured three other chases at Haydock. So he is clearly in his element there. However, another reason which makes me believe he will be victorious again is the way that today's race is likely to be run.

Cybrandian and Beau Ranger, his two rivals, are both confirmed front runners. In the circumstances, they could easily cut one another's throats. The strong pace which they will set will suit Mark Dwyer, who always likes to get Forget'N Forget settled and relaxed early on.

Last year, for instance, he did not even challenge Cybrandian until after they had jumped the last fence. Then he left him stone cold on the run-in at a difference of 16lb. Today, he has to give his old rival, who is admittedly race fit, only 7lb.

Two years ago, it was the same old story with Forgive'N Forget again only taking command on the run-in in another three-horse race.

With the runaway Mackeson Gold Cup winner Beau Ranger also in the line-up this will be no easy task for Forgive'N Forget, but I still think that class will out. As Fitzgerald is quick to remind, Forgive'N Forget is a chaser of the highest class on his day.

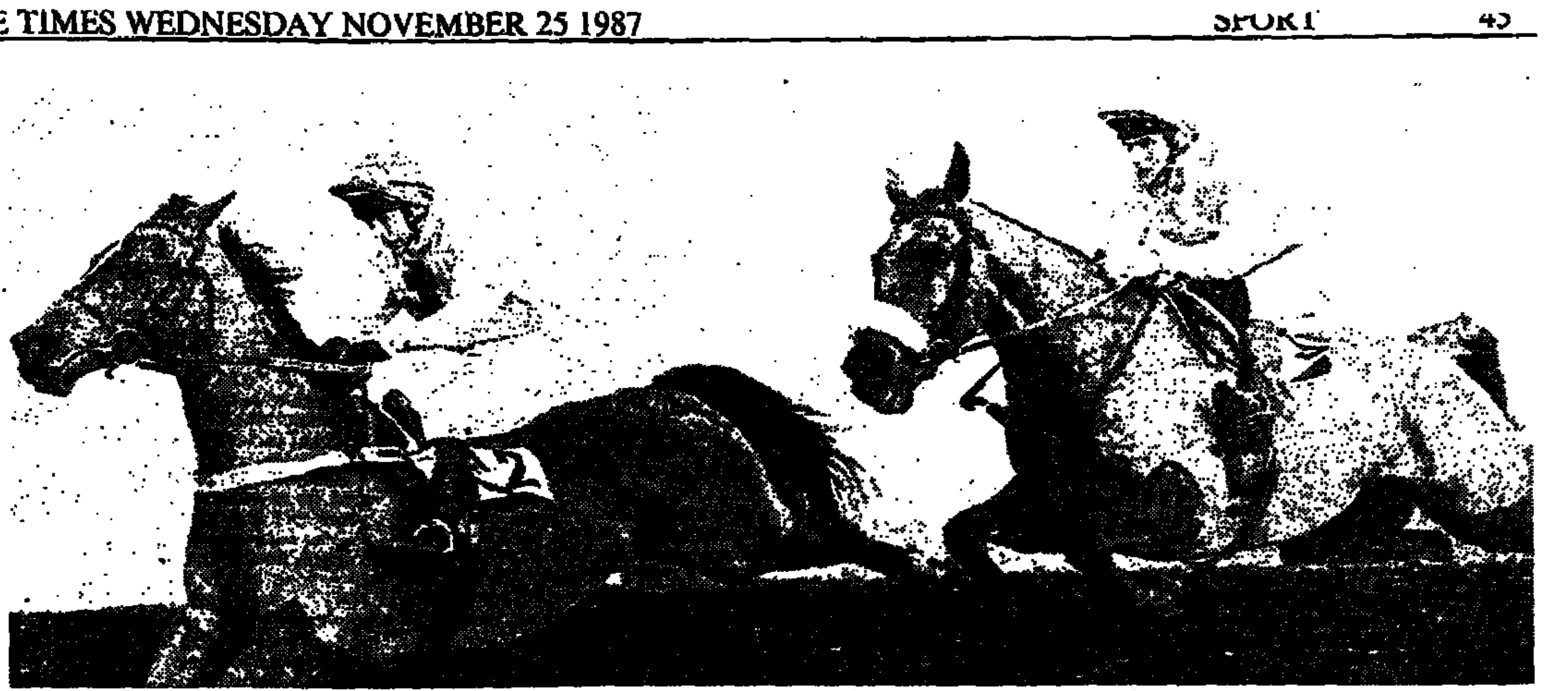
Woodside Road (2.30) and *Amadis* (3.0) are my other principal fancies on the Lancashire track.

Woodside Road, who won two point-to-points in Ireland before collecting his novice chases at Nottingham and Cheltenham, looked as if a race would do him a power of good when finishing fifth behind Yahoo at Newbury a fortnight ago.

So with that run under his belt, he should be cherry ripe for the BMW Series qualifier chase.

At Worcester last Wednesday, the feeling was that Peter Scudamore, riding Observer Corps, managed to give the less experienced Jonathan Lower, on Amadis, the slip. Today, Scudamore will be on Amadis in the St Helens Police Centenary Handicap Hurdle and the combination will be very hard to beat.

At Plumpton, Hettinger, who was the medium of a good old-fashioned gamble at the previous meeting from 50-1 down to 12-1, looks capable of carrying on the good work in the CL-Astaire Stockbroker Novices' Chase by beating Mister Christian, the other course winner in the field.



Old adversaries Cybrandian (left) and Forgive'N Forget renew rivalry in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase at Haydock Park today

Stoute flatly denies any link-up with Eddery

Speculation that Paul Eddery was to link up with Michael Stoute as his No 2 jockey next season has been described as an 'absolute fabrication' by the Newmarket trainer.

Stoute, having just returned home from saddling Sonic Lady and Milligram in the Breeders' Cup series at Hollywood Park, quickly dismissed reports that Pat Eddery's younger brother, who rode freelance in the summer, was to become Walter Swinburn's back-up.

"If I had read this in August I would have been irritated to say the least. I've never made any approach to Eddery and I'm just fascinated where these rumours come from."

Stoute had replaced Swinburn with the American rider Laffit Pincay on Sonic Lady in Saturday's Breeders' Cup Mile.

● Dancing Brave continues to make progress in his battle against Marie's Disease and will be taken off antibiotics during the next fortnight. However, the primary cause of his illness has still not been found.

Determined Irish champion with designs on our title

By Christopher Goulding

Ireland is not only a country where the best National Hunt horses come from. It is also the birthplace for champion riders.

Over the years, Irishmen have crossed the water to try their luck in Britain and many have become legends of the turf.

Tommy Stack, Jonjo O'Neill and Ron Barry are just a few Irishmen that have dominated the British jockeys' championship. Tom Morgan, a 24 year-old from Co Meath, is hoping to do likewise.

Morgan is now riding as stable jockey to John Edwards, the Ross-On-Wye trainer, who recently enthused over his skills in the saddle, saying: "He is the best jockey I have ever had."

"I will ride everything in the yard with the exception of Pearlyman. Peter Scudamore has done nothing wrong on him, but if he is unavailable he will be a nice horse to climb on," Morgan said.

Morgan scaled the heights last season by sharing the Irish jockeys's title with Frank Berry, the wily old fox of the jumping scene.

Now Morgan has his sights set on the British title. "With Francome out of the way there is a gap and you have to go for it. I probably have ten more years in me."

In his quest to win the Irish championship Morgan fell out with Dessie Hughes, his retainer. Morgan explains: "I was going all out for the championship, trying to get winners. At the time there was a virus in the yard."

"It was difficult being tied down to one stable when you were offered better mounts. The chance of getting the championship was something I did not want to miss."

Morgan spent seven years with Hughes after serving a Flat apprenticeship with Michael Kauntze. "I rode a couple of winners on the Flat, but my weight was giving me trouble so I switched to a jumping stable."

In Ireland, I was having some problems with my weight, but now it's under control. It is easier with more racing taking place in England."

The Morgan family is closely involved with racing. "My father trained under a permit and I rode winners for him. Ken, my elder brother, rides for Jim Dreaper."

It was during his time with Hughes that Morgan rode a much-cherished winner, Miller Hill, in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novice Hurdle on the opening day of the Cheltenham Festival. "It took a week to sink in, and I still get a kick from watching the video."

The jockey said: "Cheltenham is a great place, a fabulous course to ride on. There are no hard-luck stories. It is where it all happens, the English against the Irish."

In recent years there have been some controversial opinions about the Irish jockeys' forceful riding at the meeting.

Tom Morgan, who is stable jockey to John Edwards

Morgan puts it down to different racing pace.

"In Ireland they do not go the pace like in England. The Irish races are run much slower. If you are 25 lengths down at the last in Ireland your horse has some running left in him. But, in England if you are not in contention at the last it is impossible for the horse to find anything."

"It is always at the back of your mind how you use the whip. After four or five cracks to set him on the job, if there is nothing there you put it down."

"With the slower pace in Ireland, Irish jockeys last longer and with meetings not as frequent the top boys tend to monopolize the game," Morgan explained.

"There are so many boys hungry for success and it is certainly very hard to get the rides. There are many more opportunities in England. You need luck and more luck in this game."

Morgan's luck came when Frank Leavy, Dessie Hughes's stable jockey, got married and took two weeks' off for his honeymoon. "On the Monday he was gone I rode a double and by the time he arrived back I had ridden six winners."

The strong-featured rider, who has little time for other interests away from racing, has certainly been fortunate with injuries.

"In my seven years riding I have been very lucky. The only serious injury was a broken arm when Monanore fell and caught it with his hind-legs. It was like a karate chop."

"I was off for five months, but on my second ride back I won the Galway Plate. As I said before, you sure need luck in this game."

Bluebook has early call to Warren Place

By Dick Hinder

Lady Tavistock's Bluebook returned yesterday to Henry Cecil's Newmarket stable as part of an early preparation for next season's 1,000 Guineas.

The chestnut Secretariat filly, out of Pushy, is currently 16-1 for the first of the fillies' classics.

She was taken out of training after trailing in a well-beaten fourth behind Ela Romana in the Lowther Stakes at York in August. Previously, she had won her first two outings, at Newmarket and Ascot, in good style.

Lady Tavistock said: "Bluebook has been on holiday with us at Woburn. She has put on 50 kilos and we have been riding her a lot in the park to help her relax. She is a hot ride, though, and it will help her settle joining a string of horses again."

Bluebook's temperament is likely to be tested in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket in April.

The Tavistocks also have an exciting home-bred hurdling prospect in Rustle — leased to Robert Waley-Cohen — who made an encouraging hurdling debut when runner-up to Away We Go at Ascot on Saturday.

Record-breaker Tenea under hammer again

Bloodstock sales by Simon O'Loughlin

Tenea, who was unplaced on her only racecourse appearance before becoming the first horse to be sold at auction in Europe for a million guineas, returns to the market at the Newmarket December Sales, which open tomorrow.

A daughter of that outstanding brood mare and sprinter Sulvi, Tenea made 1,020,000 guineas as a three-year-old in 1982, and this remains the European auction record for any horse of racing age or over.

Tenea's first two foals by Golden Fleece are both winners, and she is being offered at Newmarket in foal to champion first-crop sire Lomond, whose own dam, My Charmer, now 18, was sold for £1.4 million guineas

Events in Kentucky, where the normal breeding stock fare was augmented by the 'Night of the Stars' and the Hermitage and Tartan Farms' dispersals, indicated a decline in the market and this, together with the recent turmoil in the world's stockmarkets, provides the backdrop for Newmarket's ten-day marathon.

The December Sales feature a record number of lots, although over-production is hardly a proud boast, and last year's record turnover of 34.4 million guineas may be bettered.

Tomorrow sees the start of four days devoted to foals, the sale ends on December 5 with a day of yearlings, and in between come broodmares, horses of racing age and a handful of lesser stallions.

The highlight of last year's December Sales was the sale of Jim Joel's illustrious breeding stock, including Fairy Footsteps, and this year sees the final instalment in the protracted break-up of the partnership between Robert Sangster and Stavros Niarchos.

This 57-strong consignment of brood mares, fillies and foals, is headed by Tenea, Arkadina and Dunette — the last two also auction record holders as brood mares in their day — and it would be surprising if Sangster did not exploit the financial advantage of a part-owner to retain some of the choice offerings submitted from Swettenham Stud.

In addition to his share in these, Niarchos is selling a further 58 lots under the name of Course Investment Company.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Antinous.
1.30 Sea Merchant.
2.00 FORGIVE'N FORGET (nap).
2.30 Woodside Road.
3.00 Amadis.
3.30 Edwards Vision.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Centre Attraction. 2.00 CYBRANDIAN (nap). 2.30 Woodside Road.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	0-0432	TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft

1.0 WEAVERHAM NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,520: 2m) (16 runners)

1	31	STAR AFFAIR 78 (B,D,F) (A Guy) J Norton 10-13	M Dwyer	85
3		ANTINOUS (Lt Col R Warden) M H Easterby 10-10	L Wyer	—
4	F	ARDASHIR 14 (J Ross) G Moore 10-10	M Hammond	—
5	40	CHARLIE DICKINS 11 (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 10-10	P Scudamore	● 98
8	3	FRANK THE BANK 89 (BF) (F Yardley) F Yardley 10-10	C Llewellyn (4)	77
9	023	FRENDLY FELLOW 1 (Mrs B Gittins) F Jordan 10-10	NON—RUNNER	—
10		GOLD SCEPTRE (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 10-10	Miss G Armytage	—
11		JOHNNY SHARP (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 10-10	S Davies (7)	—
13		MAX IS CUTE (G James) W Clay 10-10	Diane Clay (7)	—
14		MUBDI (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 10-10	B Ellison	—
17	000	NORTHERN BARRY 21 (B) (T Coleman) Mrs M Rimell 10-10	D Browne	91
18		RED TIMBER (M West) D Nicholson 10-10	R Dunwoody	—
19		RED TWILIGHT (T Bell) R Whitaker 10-10	G Bradley	—
22	0	SNO SURPRISE 33 (D Wintle) D Wintle 10-10	A Carroll	—
25	P	BIRDLESS GROVE 21 (K White) K White 10-5	T Wall	—
30		THE LAST TUNE (J Casey) Miss A King 10-5	A Webb	—

BETTING: 5-2 Charlie Dickins, 7-2 Star Affair, 9-2 Northern Barry, 13-2 Frank The Bank, 8-1 Antinous, 10-1 Gold Sceptre, 12-1 others.

1986: ARROW EXPRESS 11-3 D Murphy (5-4 fav) D Ringer 19 ran

FORM STAR AFFAIR (10-7) was visored for the first time when winning at Sedgefield by 10l (2m, £859, firm, Sep 8, 15 ran) from Soaring Eagles (10-7).

CHARLIE DICKINS (10-10) showed best form on Cheltenham debut (2m, £1618, good to soft, Oct 21, 11 ran) when 19l 4th to five times winner Calapaez (11-3) with NORTHERN BARRY (10-10) 8l behind 5th.

FRANK THE BANK (10-12) well backed on Bangor debut (2m 80yd, £685, good, Aug 28, 9 ran) when 10l 3rd to Gwynras (10-12).

ANTINOUS looks to be the best of the newcomers from the Flat, if judged on a 1½l (8-5) Ayr handicap win over Try Scorer (7-7) (1m, £4402, good to soft, Sept 18, 11 ran).

Selection: CHARLIE DICKINS

1.30 COUNTRY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,266: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1	1F11-30	SEA MERCHANT 11 (F,G,S) (T McDonagh) W A Stephenson 10-12-4	A Merrigan (4)	92
6	P-24214	CENTRE ATTRACTION 4 (V,D,F,G,S) (N B Mason) G W Richards 8-10-8 (3ex)	P Tuck	82
7	200-00F	ROUSPETER 16 (D,G,S) (E Young) D Nicholson 10-10-5	R Dunwoody	95
8	F121P3-	MASTERPLAN 188 (CD,G,S) (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 10-10-1	C Cox	● 99
9	0013-23	WHATS WHAT 18 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 8-10-1	B Storey	94

BETTING: 2-1 Sea Merchant, 9-4 What's What, 3-1 Centre Attraction, 11-2 Rouspeter, 10-1 Masterplan.

1986: BUCKO 9-10-11 M Dwyer (11-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4 ran

FORM CENTRE ATTRACTION (11-2) was disappointing when 27l 4th to Aden Apollo (10-5) at Ayr (2m 2f, good to soft) on Saturday; and is better judged on previous effort when (11-5) staying on well to beat Meikleour (11-8) 7l at Kelso (2m 196yd, £1621, good, Nov 11, 8 ran).

MASTERPLAN (11-13) is best judged on a 30l defeat of Backlog (11-13) here (3m, Nov, £3004, soft, Mar 6, 7 ran).

WHATS WHAT (11-10) ran on at one pace from last when 2½l 3rd to The Wilk (10-13) at Catterick (3m 1f 80yd, good to firm). Previously (10-0) ran well when 2½l 2nd to Fergy Foster (10-5) at Wetherby (2m 4f 100yd, £5481, good to soft, Oct 31, 8 ran) with SEA MERCHANT (12-0) another 5l behind in 3rd.

SEA MERCHANT (12-3) showed slightly better when beating Karenomore (11-3) ½l at Wetherby (2m 50yd, £3733, good to firm, Apr 21, 7 ran).

Selection: MASTERPLAN

2.0 EDWARD HANMER MEMORIAL CHASE LIMITED HANDICAP (Listed race: £7,572: 3m) (3 runners)

1	111410-	FORGIVE'N FORGET 251 (CD,G,S) (T Kilroe) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12-0	M Dwyer	98
2	UFF23-1	CYBRANDIAN 25 (D,F,G,S) (I Bray) M H Easterby 9-11-7	C Grant	● 99
3	03PP-21	BEAU RANGER 11 (F,G,S) (White Bros Taunton Ltd) M Pipe 9-10-12 (5ex)	P Scudamore	94

BETTING: 5-4 Forgive'N Forget, 7-4 Cybrandian, 7-2 Beau Ranger.

1986: FORGIVE'N FORGET 9-12-0 M Dwyer (10-11 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3 ran

FORM CYBRANDIAN (11-2) had few problems on seasonal reappearance when beating Cross Master (11-10) a distance at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good to soft). His best ever effort to date came on penultimate start last season when (12-0) 1½l 2nd to The Thinker (12-0) in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2f, £55500, good, Mar 19, 12 ran) with a below par FORGIVE'N FORGET (12-0) back in 7th.

FORGIVE'N FORGET (12-0) is better judged on his performance in this race last year when beating CYBRANDIAN (10-12) 4l (£7530, good to soft, Nov 19, 3 ran).

BEAU RANGER (10-2) made all to beat Gee-A (10-1) a 15l in The Mackeson at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £14512, soft, Nov 14, 14 ran).

Selection: FORGIVE'N FORGET

2.30 BMW SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,157: 3m) (6 runners)

1	34421P-	OYDE HILLS 207 (D,G) (Mrs B Bletsoe) K Morgan 8-11-12	P Scudamore	91
2	111431	GIOLLA PADRAIG 8 (F,G,S) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 9-11-10	A Merrigan	● 99
4	3UP11	WOODSIDE ROAD 14 (F,G) (Prowting Homes) D Nicholson 7-11-10	R Dunwoody	91
6	0/00F4-F	RATH WONDER 19 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 6-11-6	S J O'Neill	83
7	011-311	RINUS 9 (F,S) (A Proos) G W Richards 6-11-6	P Tuck	80
9	300-24P	BETTY'S GIRL 46 (J Roche) R O'Leary 7-11-1	C Grant	74

BETTING: 6-4 Giolla Padraig, 9-4 Woodside Road, 9-2 Rinus, 13-2 Oyde Hills, 14-1 Rath Wonder, 16-1 Betty's Girl.

1986: (2m 4f) HAND OVER 7-11-4 G Bradley (8-15 fav) Mrs M Dickinson 5 ran

FORM OYDE HILLS (11-8) was successful last season when getting up close home to beat Vick The Busker (11-8) a short head at Ascot (3m, Nov, £7197, good, Apr 15, 18 ran).

GIOLLA PADRAIG (12-1) was scoring his fifth victory of the season when beating Light Traveler (11-4) 1½l at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £1278, good to soft, Nov 17, 14 ran).

WOODSIDE ROAD (10-3) will strip fitter for seasonal reappearance race when 5th to Yahoo (11-7) at Newbury (3m, soft); and is better judged (10-9) when 15l defeat of Royal Gambit (11-7) at Cheltenham (3m 1f, £4221, hard, Apr 23, 6 ran).

RATH WONDER'S (11-6) best effort last season was when 15l 4th to Tarconey (11-6) at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, £3377, good, Mar 13, 13 ran).

RINUS (11-2) drew clear inside the final half mile when beating Irish Guest (11-2) a distance at Carlisle (2m, £1440, heavy, Nov 16, 4 ran).

Selection: WOODSIDE ROAD

3.0 ST HELENS POLICE CENTENARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,327: 2m) (13 runners)

2	2000F-2	AMADIS 7 (D,G,S) (Turner Hobbs Homes Ltd) M Pipe 7-11-10	P Scudamore	96
5	12-U432	UNEX-PLAINED 6 (D,G,S) (B Eddishaw) G Moore 4-11-4	M Hammond	97
6	00/00F4-	GUISBOROUGH TOWN 247 (D,F,S) (B Eddishaw) G Moore 7-11-4	P Niven	91
8	2210F-0	SWIFT ASCENT 33 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Gee) G Balding 5-11-1	G Bradley	84
9	121P3-0	CRUSADER'S STAR 16 (D,S) (R Darlington) Mrs W Sykes 6-11-0	C Llewellyn (4)	94
11	000022-	CONS PAL 225 (D,G,S) (F Faulkner) D Wintle, 9-10-11	A Carroll	96
12	002/2-10	ARGES 16 (S) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 6-10-11	R Dunwoody	93
13	02014-1	CELTIC CYGNET 9 (D,F,G,S) (D Timothy Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-11	D Browne	● 99
15	PB42-P0	MILFORD QUAY 9 (G) (W Jones) J Spearing 4-10-9	A Webb	98
16	000-0F0	SMART IN BLACK 11 (F,S) (W Stevenson-Taylor) G W Richards 5-10-7	P Tuck	89
17	0P-01S0	GOLDEN CROFT 9 (D,S) (Meteor Freight Ltd) D McCain 4-10-2	N Doughty	89
20	4U004-0	HAWAIIAN HEIR 16 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Riley) W Clay 8-10-0	Diane Clay (7)	87
22	00P01/P-	RUSSOLA 277 (D,F) (E Smith) N A Smith 6-10-0	M Wellings	—

BETTING: 3-1 Celtic Cygnet, 7-2 Amadis, 5-1 Unex-Plained, 8-1 Golden Croft, Milford Quay, 10-1 Arges, Smart In Black, 12-1 Cons Pal, Swift Ascent, 14-1 others.

1986: RECORD HARVEST 5-10-13 L Wyer (85-40 fav) M H Easterby 8 ran

FORM AMADIS, having first outing since moving to Martin Pipe, was (10-9) running on 3l 2nd to Observer Corps (10-6) at Worcester (2m 2f, £4325, soft, Nov 18, 12 ran).

UNEX-PLAINED, made another good effort in defeat on most recent start when (11-3) 1½l 2nd to Mac's Gold (10-0) at Towcester last Thursday (2m, £2021, soft, Nov 20, 19 ran).

CRUSADER'S STAR, looked in need of race on seasonal reappearance. Finished last season with a (11-5) 5l 3rd to Vynz Supreme (10-1) at Uttoxeter (2m, £2488, good, Apr 21, 14 ran), with HAWAIIAN HEIR (10-2) 1l away 4th.

CONS PAL has recaptured form of last spring, with efforts including a (10-4) 3l 2nd to Jimmy Lorenzo (11-2) at Devon (2m 1f, £2803, soft, Apr 14, 18 ran).

CELTIC CYGNET showed improved form on reappearance when (10-10) holding on by a head from Arising Geal (10-0) over 2m 4f at Wolverhampton (£1602, good, Nov 16, 20 ran).

MILFORD QUAY, has been below form this season. Last season was (11-2) 4l 2nd to Intrepid Lad (11-2) at Nottingham (2m, £1388, good, Mar 3, 24 ran).

Selection: CELTIC CYGNET

3.30 BILINGE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,652: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

10	302-03	BLACK MONKEY 18 (S) (L Connell) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	91
11	0040-0	CHERRY BRAVE 9 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 6-11-0	C Cowley	—
13	0P	CUMBRIAN DANCER 5 (Miss A Alexander) J Parkes 4-11-0	—	—
14	0	DAMERS CAVALRY 7 (Mrs L Lewis) C Trietline 4-11-0	N Doughty	—
15	02	EDWARDS VISION 14 (S) (M Hellyer) Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-0	G Bradley	90
17	02211-	GOLD OPTIONS 319 (G,S) (J McCaghy) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0	M Dwyer	—
18	000/00	HILLCASTLE 13 (Mrs J Gee) G Balding 6-11-0	R Guest (4)	75
19	0	MADJDEC 25 (D Scott) C Tinkler 5-11-0	L Wyer	—
21	B00	MOURNE WARRIOR 9 (Miss G Mackin) J J O'Neill 4-11-0	G Lyons (7)	—
24	33220-	SPRING PALM 251 (D Hutchinson) R E Peacock 4-11-0	P Miller (7)	● 99
25	3	SWARDEAN 13 (Mrs A Starkie) R Lee 5-11-0	B Dowling (4)	80
26	030-	ARCTIC RYMES 216 (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 4-10-9	P A Farrell (4)	—
27	0/0	CLASSEY 15 (A Kaplan) J Spearing 7-10-9	P Scudamore	—
29	3	PINWIDDIE 60 (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 5-10-9	Miss G Armytage	84

BETTING: 5-2 Black Monkey, 11-4 Edwards Vision, 5-1 Pinwiddie, 6-1 Gold Options, 8-1 Swardean, 10-1 Madjec, Spring Palm, 12-1 others.

1986: CITY ENTERTAINER 5-11-0 M Dwyer (2-1 jt-fav) Mrs C Postlethwaite 16 ran

FORM BLACK MONKEY was a winner of an Irish NH Flat race. Drifted in the market when (11-0) 12½l 3rd of 18 to Tebitto (11-5) in a Chepstow novices hurdle (2m, £1314, good to soft, Nov 7).

EDWARDS VISION (11-7) stayed on well over 2m 6f in a Kelso maiden hurdle (£685, good to soft, Nov 11, 20 ran) when a neck 2nd to Bishopdale (11-7).

HILLCASTLE (10-10) should do better over this trip following a 10l 6th to Redgrave Devil (10-2) over 2m at Warwick (£852, good to soft, Nov 7, 24 ran).

SPRING PALM (10-10), was placed in four out of five runs last season, and showed best form when 10l 2nd to Longghurst (11-2) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £826, good, Feb 23, 15 ran).

SWARDEAN (11-0) will improve considerably for after running on 8l 3rd to Monrita (11-0) on Uttoxeter debut (2m, £1588, soft, Nov 12, 16 ran).

PINWIDDIE (10-12) looked in need of a run when 11l 3rd to Trackers Jewel (11-5) at Stratford (2m, £679, good to firm Sept 26, 17 ran).

Selection: SPRING PALM

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs M Dickinson	8	24	33.3
M Pipe	10	31	32.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	17	62	27.4
M H Easterby	15	64	23.4
D Nicholson	6	43	14.0
W Stephenson	5	49	10.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Dwyer	17	59	28.8
G Bradley	12	49	24.5
P Scudamore	12	52	23.1

Only qualifiers

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Setter Country.
1.15 Hettinger.
1.45 Mearlin.
2.15 Miss Brantridge.
2.45 Boardmans Style.
3.15 Tom Forrester.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.45 SETTER COUNTRY.

Going: soft

12.45 NOVEMBER NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £911: 2m) (18 runners)

2	102	MCCALLUN 18 (F) (M Neck) I Wardle 11-1	K Townsend	93
4	P	AVENIO 21 (Mrs G J Kindersley) G Kindersley 10-10	P Croucher	—
6		BONDAID (Mrs E Gittins) C Holmes 10-10	K Burke (4)	—
8		CABALLINE (P Lancaster) M Haynes 10-10	H Davies	—
9	FP	CARPET CAPERS 11 (D Caplan) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-10	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)	—
11		FLINT HILL (Rehill Holdings Ltd) A Turnell 10-10	I Lawrence (7)	—
15		HAIL CRITIQUE (J Dayani) D A Wilson 10-10	K Caplen (7)	—
22		R LAD (W Roker) M Madgwick 10-10	A Charlton (7)	—
24	P	ROYAL SAGA 103 (K F Butler & Co Ltd) W Kemp 10-10	S Shilston	—
25		RULING DYNASTY (B Fry) R O'Sullivan 10-10	M Kinane	—
26	0	SOONER STILL 16 (B Stevens) B Stevens 10-10	J H Davies	—
27	0	SYLVAN WHISPER 11 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 10-10	Mr D Benneyworth (7)	83
31	0	GOLDEN HUNTRESS 11 (Mrs J Hoad) R Hoad 10-5	M Hoad (7)	—
33		MOONSTREAM BELLE (R Standbridge) D Elsworth 10-5	C Brown	—
35	2	SETTER COUNTRY 16 (D Barber) R Hodges 10-5	S Earle	● 99
37		SILVER THORN (Mrs K Baldry) P Butler 10-5	M Furlong	—
40		TWICE BITTEN (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 10-5	G Charles Jones	—
41	0	WAR CHILD 11 (J Bird) A Moore 10-5	G Moore	—

BETTING: 13-8 Setter Country, 7-2 McCallun, 5-1 Moonstream Belle, 7-1 Sylvan Whisper, 9-1 Carpet Capers, 12-1 Flint Hill, Hail Critique, 14-1 others.

1986: (Div I) LONGGHURST 10-10 P Scudamore (9-4 fav) M Pipe 14 ran

(Div II) GOLDEN CROFT 10-10 S Smith Eccles (7-2) N Henderson 15 ran

1.15 CL-ASTAIRE STOCKBROKER NOVICES CHASE (£1,672: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1	0-1	HETTINGER 16 (C,S) (Miss L Quick) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-8	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)	98
3	1100-31	MISTER CHRISTIAN 29 (V,C,S) (C Lewis) D Barons 6-11-8	P Nicholls	85
6	00	BACHELOR OF LAW 41 (Mrs W Fullerton) Mrs W Fullerton 6-11-3	G Old	—
8	0/0P	BREEZE AWAY BEN 28 (Miss K George) C Holmes 5-11-3	K Burke (4)	—
10	00F0-F2	GILES CROSS 13 (Dr D Chesney) D Chesney 8-11-3	S McNeill	● 99
11	0U0-400	GOLDEN NORMAN 27 (S) (A Shenston) B Stevens 9-11-3	R Stronge	—
13	00002P-	LAFOSSE 219 (G,S) (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3	M Pitman	—
14	1-430F0	MAORI WARRIOR 22 (B,F) (Mrs J Robinson) R O'Sullivan 5-11-3	D Gallagher (4)	77
15	U00-048	MR KATS 16 (Mrs P Hamilton) G Enright 7-11-3	M Perrett	—
17	0FPF0-F	UP AT DAWN 11 (E Treacy) J Bridger 7-11-3	G Moore	—
18	P00P/0	DUSKY'S SPIRIT 18 (Mrs A Appleyard) Mrs A Applyard 8-10-12	P Richards	—
19	FF0F-PP	GLENBANE LADY 4 (B) (R Heasman) R Parker 6-10-12	M Furlong	—
20	000P-	NAYSHAN 247 (Miss A Hawkes) E Wheeler 4-10-5	G Landau	—

BETTING: 9-4 Hettinger, 3-1 Giles Cross, 4-1 Lafosse, 6-1 Mister Christian, 10-1 Mr Kats, 14-1 Golden Norman, Maori Warrior, 16-1 others.

1986: INFIELDER 7-11-3 G Moore (9-2 fav) A Moore 14 ran

1.45 PETER CAZALET MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,338: 3m 1f) (5 runners)

1	424	CASPAR CARROT 250 (Miss N Berry) Miss N Berry 10-11-10	Mr T Grantham	84
3	214-320	SUPER EXPRESS 16 (G,S) (S Williams) D Barons 6-11-1	P Nicholls	98
4	3F1P0-0	MEARLIN 18 (CD,G,S) (C House) J Old 8-11-0	S McNeill	● 99
6	0P-P0U3	MERCY LESS 16 (CD,S) (Mrs M Meslen) M Bolton 8-10-0	R Rowell	87
7	0P0PP4-	PLAYFIELDS 244 (S) (A Beard Tennis Ltd) P Burgoyne 13-10-0	B Powell	88

BETTING: 6-4 Super Express, 2-1 Mearlin, 5-2 Caspar Carrot, 12-1 Mercy Less, 20-1 Playfields.

1986: DELATOR 9-10-7 C Brown (9-2) I Wardle 8 ran

2.15 STANMER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£718: 2m) (9 runners)

2	1140/U0-	FRIENDS FOR EVER 449 (B,CD,F,G) (H Barritt) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-10	D Morris	● 99
4	000320	MISS BRANTRIDGE 22 (CD,F) (A Pepper) A Moore 5-11-4	J Clarke (5)	86
5	00/0P-	SPRINGDALE STAR 188 (Miss B Lance) P Hedger 6-11-2	I Shoemark	—
6	201-00P	SOLENT EXPRESS 83 (D,F,S) (C Thorpe) B Stevens 4-11-2	M Stevens (5)	98
7	P0P000	THIRTY ACRE 16 (B) (J Sly) W Kemp 5-11-1	T Storrar (5)	—
9	00P-0P	WHIPCRACKAWAY 29 (V) (P Butler) P Butler 4-11-0	P Cooney (5)	—
10	240	INGER-LEA 26 (Mrs D Watts) R Curtis 4-10-12	M Hoad	84
12	P0040-	ROBERT FROST 189 (C Harvey) G Gracey 5-10-12	M Cassidy (5)	—
13	P/P04P-P	TWO UP 8 (N Pay) B Stevens 8-10-12	D Tegg	—

BETTING: 9-4 Friends For Ever, 11-4 Miss Brantridge, 5-1 Inger-Lea, 15-2 Solent Express,

1986: STEAMY 5-11-2 L Jenkins (5-1) D Oughton 10 ran

2.45 'GRAND' NATIONAL CAR PARKS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,427: 2m) (7 runners)

1	1-1F121	BOARDMANS STYLE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (A Walls) R O'Sullivan 9-12-4	A Charlton (7)	● 99
3	0/313-03	DEEP RIDGE 11 (F,S) (Mrs B Roberts) R Hodges 9-11-10	W Irvine (7)	98
5	PP30-00	MAITREDEE 13 (CD,F,S) (Mrs A Wates) R Gow 8-11-6	R Rowe	96
7	BF-UPF0	MORE ONE WAY 11 (CD,G,S) (D Heath) R Parker 6-11-6	M Furlong	—
8	244121	HIGH IMP 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (M Julian) S Christian 7-11-2	R Beggan	95
10	100020-	SNITTERFIELD 221 (CD,F) (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 9-10-7	H Davies	98
12	30-0400	STRAIGHT LINE 11 (F,S) (N Wheeler) N Wheeler 14-10-0	Mr N Wheeler	88

BETTING: 7-4 Boardmans Style, 5-2 High Imp, 4-1 Deep Ridge, 8-1 Snitterfield, 14-1 Maitredee.

1986: MANSTON MARAUDER 10-10-7 Penny Ffitch-Heyes (11-2) P Hedger 7 ran

3.15 JEVINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (£755: 2m) (12 runners)

7	F0F	DANISH FOLLY 22 (E Thorbek) N Henderson 5-11-0	J White	—
10	0	I'LL DO THE JOKES 2 (R Graham) P Mitchell 4-11-0	B Powell	—
11	1F0	IMPROVISE 25 (G) (D) (J Campbell) W Kemp 4-11-0	S Shilston	● 99
14	0	LIFES LIKE THAT 14 (W Moore) B Stevens 4-11-0	J H Davies	—
16	3-0	MUSIC MINSTREL (S Redmond) A Turnell 4-11-0	Steve Knight	91
20	0/20-3	TOM FORRESTER 16 (P Jubert) R Akehurst 6-11-0	Dale McKeown (4)	95
22	0	BUBBLING SPRINGS 28 (T Jones) T M Jones 5-10-9	G McCourt	—
23		CHARLOTTE BONNIE (J Panvert) J Panvert 6-10-9	C Mann	—
24	0	COVER INN 11 (B Vincent) C Holmes 4-10-9	J Tuite (7)	—
25	03F-420	DANCING BALLERINA 22 (Mrs R Murrell) M Bolton 4-10-9	R Rowe	93
28	430-	SMOKIN' ANNA 219 (C House) J Old 6-10-9	S McNeill	86
29	-0	STATE PERFORMANCE 21 (C Holmes) C Holmes 6-10-9	K Burke (4)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Improvise, 7-2 I'll Do The Jokes, 5-1 Tom Forrester, 6-1 Music Minstrel

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
I Wardle	7	19	36.8
R Akehurst	9	25	36.0
P Mitchell	13	59	22.0
N Henderson	7	34	20.6
J Ffitch-Heyes	15	124	12.1
R Hodges	8	71	11.3

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Penny F-Heyes	12	65	18.5
R Rowe	25	162	15.4
M Perrett	19	129	14.7
G Moore	25	273	9.2
R Rowell	13	166	7.8

Only qualifiers

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Wolverhampton

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

12.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, LOR MOSS (M Price, 5-1: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Moral Victory (G Bradley, 14-1); 3, Donna Farina (P Tuck, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Compton Park (6th), 9-2 Harley Street Man (4th), 14 Erostin Ruler, 16 Hicking Squares (pu), 25 Rose Hussar (pu), Tory Hill Lad (5th), Gray Rose-Bay (pu), 33 Booths Boy, 50 Kiln Park (pu). 12 ran. 4l, 15l, 12l, 4l, sh hd. A Leighton at Hallow. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £9.90. CSF: £83.90.

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, ANOTHER SEEKER (P Scudamore, 7-1); 2, King Of The Lot (B Dowling, 14-1); 3, River Galaxy (Lorna Vincent, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Dromin Academy (5th), 9-2 Connayjo, Master Thames (f), 5 Wilsford (bd), 20 Artistic Champion, Grundy's Own (4th), 33 Brandon Pier (6th), Just Too Brave, Stop The Clock (pu), 50 Frankton, Jimnastics, Uncles Choice, Liliana, Molinello (bd). 17 ran. nk, 10l, 10l, 12l, ¾l. F Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £6.40; £2.40, £2.20, £9.20. DF: £80.40. CSF: £87.97.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, TARTAN TORCHLIGHT (P Tuck, 2-1 fav); 2, The Buckwheat (A O'Hagan, 33-1); 3, Le Soir (S J O'Neill, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Young Nicholas (pu), 8 Duart (f), 14 Denstone Wanderer (6th), 16 Red Columbia (bd), 20 Incense (5th), 25 Soltano (f), 50 Apodemus (4th), To Asten (pu). 11 ran. 4l, 7l, 8l, 20l, 20l. G W Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £4.10, £1.50. DF: £33.10. CSF: £49.07.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, ROSTRA (Mr M Armytage, 4-1); 2, Scale The Heights (N Coleman, 25-1); 3, Northward (C Cox, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Mister Feathers (5th), 9-2 Stubbs Daughter (4th), 25 Oakland Jason (6th). 6 ran. nk, 7l, 10l, dist, 20l. R Armytage at East Ilsley. Tote: £4.00; £2.20, £5.90. DF: £70.50. CSF: £55.99.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, PEMBROKESHIRE LAD (B Dowling, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Mister Hartigan (T Morgan, 13-2); 3, Jolet (P Scudamore, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Troop The Colour (4th), 7 Pekon (5th), 16 Isanemos, 20 Toura Lad (pu), Little London (6th), 33 Selleses (pu), Golden Ozy (pu), Snowy Pearl (pu), Winters Sovereign (pu), Soumark (pu). 13 ran. NR: Border Rambler. 12l, 4l, sh hd, 25l, 12l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £11.40. CSF: £25.57.

3.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SLALOM (J White, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Farm Week (G Bradley, 9-4 jt-fav); 3, Welsh Bluebell (P McDermott, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Theodas (6th), 13-2 Basket Run (5th), 14 Iron Gray (4th), 16 Hearsey (pu), 25 Nick The Brief, 66 Chaceley Boy, Democratic Boy, Farmer's Toast (pu), Southstone Rock, La Belle Rose. 13 ran. NR: Courtbrook. 8l, 2l, 4l, 1l, 7l. M Robinson at Wantage. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £1.70, £14.10. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.12.

3.30 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, VOYANT (K Mooney, 12-1); 2, Hill-Street-Blues (B Powell, 14-1); 3, The Shiner (R Dunwoody, 16-1); 4, Coleman Abbey (P Scudamore, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Slave King (pu), 6 Mr Rex (5th), 8 Incamelia (pu), Artesium, 12 Pyleigh Prince, The Mississippian (pu), Upham Kelly, 14 True Spartan (6th), 20 Notta Popsi (pu), Rymer King, Tandagee, 25 Celtic Fleet, Clermont Lane (pu), 33 Blackwell Boy, Valley So Deep (pu), 50 End of Era. 20 ran. 1l, ¾l, 10l, 20l, 2l. S Christian at Lambourn. Tote: £13.00; £2.10, £8.20, £2.50, £5.80. DF: first or 2nd with any other £4.40. CSF: £177.93. Tricast: £2,510.89.

Placepot: £1423.20

Wetherby

Going: soft

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, FOOT PATROL (C Grant, 1-3 fav); 2, Asticot (A Carroll, 13-2); 3, T W S Homes (C Richmond, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Moondawn (f), 16 Accumulate (4th), 20 Katie Rhodes (5th), 25 Gay Starlight (f). 7 ran. ¾l, 30l, 2l, 25l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.47. Winner bought in for 4,000gns.

1.30 (2m 4f 100yd ch) 1, DANTES TREE (T P White, 6-1); 2, Dennis Auburn (B O'Brien, 5-1); 3, Brother Geoffrey (R Marley, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 French Nephew (f), 12 Mainsforth Queen (f), 16 Reay's Song (4th). 6 ran. 12l, 1½l, 25l. R Robinson at Scarborough. Tote: £7.60; £2.40, £2.40. DF: £21.80. CSF: £29.68

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, PUBLIC PRAISE (L Wyer, 4-7 fav: Mandarin's nap); 2, Gennaro (C Grant, 7-2); 3, Friendly Fellow (C Smith, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Young Commander (5th), 20 Ansty Fox (pu), Speransky (pu), Star Of Kinloch (4th). 7 ran. 1l, 8l, ½l, 15l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.31.

2.30 (3m 100yd ch) 1, CALIRA (B Storey, 7-4); 2, Green Gorse (C Hawkins, 5-4 fav); 3, Swirl Howe (K Jones, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Aviation Support (ur), 25 Paupers Son (pu), 33 Twice Loved (f). 6 ran. hd, dist. Miss M Benson at Hexham. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.16.

3.0 (2m 50yd ch) 1, IMPAGE (J Hansen, 15-8); 2, Kevinstort (M Dwyer, 5-4 fav); 3, Impany (B Storey, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Ryecroft (4th). 4 ran. NR: Perfect Glen. 1½l, 15l, 15l. S Leadbetter at Hawick. Tote: £2.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.29

3.35 (2m hdle) 1, RED RUDDEL (M Hammond, 15-2); 2, Galadine (L Wyer, 9-4); 3, Taylormade Boy (C Grant, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Monrita (5th), 16 Stepaulk, 20 Lennet Bank, 33 Bellepheron, Final Amber, Foxtree, Hill Ryde (6th), Kean Shot, Thirteenth Friday, Waterdale (4th), 50 Connaught Card, Helen Boy, Oriental Express, Sovereign Steps, Cass Avon. 18 ran. NR: Copper Streak. 1½l, ¾l, ½l, 8l, 2l. J Hanson at Wetherby. Tote: £7.20; £2.30, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £12.20. CSF: £24.30.

Placepot: £86.20

Southwell

Going: heavy

12.45 (2m 74yd ch) 1, NOBLE EYRE (M Williams, 8-11 fav); 2, Uncle Spot (M Bosley, 10-1); 3, Wolver Dan (S Johnson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 8 New Halen (ur), 10 Air Broker (4th), Chelsea Man (6th), 20 Warm Air (pu), 25 Mark's Choice (pu), 33 Admirable Crichton (pu), Bold Baron (5th). 10 ran. 12l, 20l, 12l, 1l, dist. D Gandolfo at Wantage. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.10, £3.50. DF: £5.90. CSF: £9.21.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, AVEC COEUR (V Kennedy, Evens fav); 2, Vulgaris (S Davies, 6-1); 3, Greenhill's Girl (M Brennan, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Boxit (5th), 10 Oh Father, Sir Speedy (5th), 20 Mexican Mill (pu), Mista Spoof (4th), 50 Flomegas Day, Connaught Broads (pu). 10 ran. NR: Ronocco, St Nick. 20l, 8l, 4l, 12l, Dead-heat. B Curley at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £7.70. CSF: £8.34. Winner bought in for 4,400gns.

1.45 (3m 2f ch) 1, CLONROCHE STREAM (Mr M Thompson, 6-4); 2, Medway Gauntlet (M Brennan, 5-4 fav); 3, Even Deeper (D Dutton, 3-1) 3 ran. Dist, dist. V Thompson at Alnwick. Tote: £2.20 DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.47.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, SHALLOW WALK (T Woolley, 11-2); 2, Wellknown Character (G Lyons, 9-2); 3, Powys Prince (S Harris, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Andartis, Trivet (5th), 10 Tune Hill (4th), 20 Arabian Blues, Fleet Bay (f), King's Crusade, 25 Court Ruler, Island Danny (pu), 33 Fiesta Dance (6th), Inner Calm (pu), Springfield Reflie, Miss Metal-Woods, Rippling Flame. 16 ran. 20l, 7l, 1½l, ¾l, 10l. P Felgate at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £4.60; £1.20, £3.70, £1.30. DF: £18.20. CSF: £31.70.

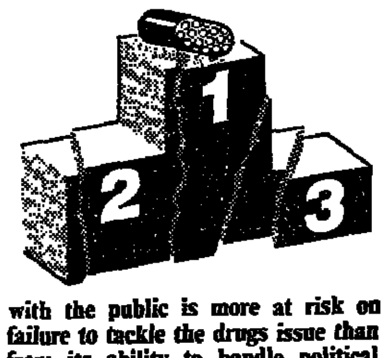
2.45 (2m 74yd ch) 1, BORLEAFRAS (K Ryan, 4-1: Michael Seely's nap); 2, Vaguely Artistic (R Supple, 13-2); 3, Wild Argosy (M Fearn, 5-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Bermuda's Glen (f), 9 Queens Palace (f), 14 Coeur Vaillant (pu). 6 ran. NR: Vulrory's Clown. 25l, 3l. D Moffatt at Cartmel. Tote: £5.00; £2.30, £3.10. DF: £11.60. CSF: £24.45.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, POLISH (A Webb, 9-1); 2, Owen's Pride (A Mulholland, 5-1); 3, Don Piper (M Ahern, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Rondeau, 8 Moon Jester (6th), Nino Volador, 10 Annie Ra (5th), 11 To-Pallikari-Mou, 16 Henry Geary Steels, Isom Dart, 20 Infinity Rules, 25 Chart Finder (pu), 33 James My Boy, River Trout (4th), Smiling Laurel. 15 ran. 25l, 6l, 1½l, 3l, 3l. R Dickin at Newent. Tote: £7.80; £1.70, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £31.00. CSF: £52.88. Tricast: £272.37

Placepot: £86.20

Tough talk from IOC president

From David Miller
Tokyo



The World Coaches' Summit Conference, meeting *here this week*, was sternly warned yesterday that it is the responsibility of those using advances in scientific technology to make sure that athletes are neither encouraged nor manipulated to cheat in the Olympic Games.

Drug abuse is a danger to the health of competitors, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said in his opening address to the conference, adding: "Cheating is something we cannot accept in the Olympic movement."

This major policy statement represents a significant *shift in* Samaranch's attitude. He has tended to say over the past year that the *responsibility on drug* abuse lies primarily with individual international federations. He is now grasping the nettle for the IOC, whose credibility with the public is more at risk on failure to tackle the drugs issue than from its ability to handle political interference beyond its control.

The conference here could be sure, Samaranch stressed, that during the Winter Olympics in Calgary and the Summer Olympics *in Seoul, the* doping control "will be very exact and very tough". This should be made clear to all sports federations, he warned, because the IOC had a duty to give an example to all organizations in sport.

"We *welcome the efforts* made by many governments," Samaranch said. "But we ask the international federations to help, and to give more (effort) to this dangerous threat, the most serious we face in sport." The true offenders, he suggested, were seldom known; the least offenders, the competitors, were often those to be punished.

The conference is being attended by professors and doctors of sports and science from, among many countries, the United States, Canada, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and Japan. Samaranch's lecture was a frontal attack upon *the* undercover use of performance-improving drugs, which it is known are in common use by some doctors officially attached to national teams.

Sports scientists are at the ethical frontiers of sport, Samaranch stated, and he asked who should be the conscience of science. "You are more aware of this than I," he said, and asked them to *reflect* on the legitimacy of their actions.

"At a time when the daily progress of human sciences, together with the increased capacity of mastering the inter-relations between them, thanks to computers, enables almost everything, I feel that those persons exercising authority in sport should *reflect seriously on the legitimacy and* limits of their action," he said.

The main difficulty for the IOC is that its events come only every four years and they have no authority to impose suspensions from other events. What is needed now is for Samaranch to support words with deeds; for the IOC medical commission to impose *minimum four*-year *suspensions* and to introduce random testing. With the publicity surrounding the Jenkins case and evidence of huge sporting traffic in drugs, only sharp deterrent action by the IOC can protect the future of the Olympic Games.

Russians lift curtain on drug abuse in sport

By John Goodbody

A newspaper inquiry in the Soviet Union has revealed that leading competitors have taken drugs to improve performances and that several former athletes are now suffering side-effects, including sterility.

This is the first time that detailed articles have appeared about drug-taking in the country, although several Russian sportsmen and *women have proved positive* in testing at international competitions.

Previously the *subject has* been taboo, but the new spirit of *glasnost* has encouraged the newspaper to carry articles that warn of the dangers of drug-taking.

The report in *Sovietsky Sport* concentrates on a sports clinic in Novosibirsk, in southern Siberia, and quotes Valentina Kouzmenko, a leading official, as saying: "When the career of competitors is ended, the traces *of anabolic* steroids disappear, but the hormonal malfunctioning persists and *the doctors of* ordinary clinics cannot do anything about it.

"We must *give youngsters* information about the dangers of drug-taking. The compet*itors should* also give a written undertaking never to use banned substances."

She added: "We will never get to the end of the stupidity of people who take drugs, as long as we see it in the *environment* of the champions."

Doctors at the clinic related histories *of former* competitors who have used anabolic steroids. One had become so large that she had to go through the door of the consulting room sideways

However, *Sovietsky Sport* has yet to name leading international figures who have *admitted taking* drugs or who have accused other competitors. The one interview it has obtained has been with Igor Papchev, a national underwater swimming champion with fins, who has admitted taking drugs to improve performances before suffering from side-effects.

CRICKET: TEMPERAMENTALLY SOUND ENGLAND MAY HAVE THE EDGE OVER DOWNHEARTED PAKISTAN

Spinners lick their fingers at chance of Lahore pickings

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Lahore

If the pitch is anything to go by, *the first Test match* between England and Pakistan, *starting here today*, promises to be that modern rarity, a spinners' celebration. It has been used already this season for three one-day internationals, and *in* the last of them a week ago the ball turned from the start, albeit slowly.

The pitches at the Gaddafi stadium can, in fact, be quite fast and green; but Imran's retirement ruled out the possibility of their being one of those now. Without him Pakistan see their best chance as lying with their slow bowlers, and to take advan*tage of the conditions* they have re-called Iqbal Qasim (slow left-arm) to join Abdul Qadir (leg breaks) and Tauseef Ahmed (off breaks).

England have decided not to follow suit, though they *thought about it. Including* a third spinner would have meant their leaving out Foster and opening the bowling with DeFreitas and Capel, and the fact that the ball sometimes swings here when it is new was in Foster's favour. In the interests of balance they have gone for Cook as Emburey's *spinning partner in preference* to Hemmings. In the corresponding Test match four years ago Cook took 11 for 83 on a turning pitch in Karachi; Hemmings, for his part, has fitted well into the one-day scheme of things. The reasons for choosing Cook are sound enough, but Hemmings would *have let no one down*.

It is quite an experienced *England side, if not a* particu*larly good one*. Except for Capel they have all played Test matches overseas. Of the 11 which played against Pakistan at The Oval in August, which was England's last Test match, Moxon and Gower, *Botham, Edmonds and Dilley* are missing, their places being filled by Gooch, Athey, Capel, Hemmings and Foster. Setting one off against the other, I suppose the first five just edge out the second, but there would be precious little in it.

For the moment, anyway, the Pakistanis are all at sixes and sevens. Already downhearted after being beaten in the World Cup and losing *Imran, they have* had a bad one-day series. It is sad, not to say contemptible, that as soon as Imran goes the rumblings start again.

Wasim Raja, elder brother of Ramiz Raja, one of Pakistan's opening batsmen, offered his services should the selectors feel he could be useful in the middle order. Now 35, he made four Test hundreds, one of them against *England, and nearly 3,000* runs for Pakistan; but he will not be playing today. In Saleem Yousuf's absence with a broken thumb Ashraf Ali, who played the last of his five Test matches two years ago, has been recalled to keep wicket, partly for his batting, and with three spinners in the *side Mudassar is likely* to open the bowling with Wasim Akram as well as the batting with Ramiz.

It would not be the first time *Mudassar has* done both, but it is a rare double. The last Englishman to be chosen to do it was Trevor Bailey against West Indies in 1953-54, and *there has not, I think, been an* Australian who has since Jack Gregory as long ago as 1921.

Of the 15 Test matches England have played in Pakistan they have won one (the first they ever played here, here in Lahore in 1961-62), lost one and drawn 13. *Because the sort of game the pitch is likely to produce — of* fielders round the bat and close-to-the-wicket tension — usually favours the home side, Pakistan must have a reasonable chance. If England have the slightly better one it is because they look temperamentally much the sounder side.

The idea of the series being controlled by "neutral" umpires was abandoned some time ago when the Pakistan board were told by the New Zealand and Australian boards that Steve Woodward, of New Zealand, and Tony Crafter, of Australia, would be needed for their own domestic cricket. *There was then some* talk of the West Indian, David Archer, being asked to stand, but nothing came of that, and officiating today will be Shakeel Khan, the youngest of Pakistan's Test umpires, and Amanullah Khan, who is something of a strutter. England will have been reminded, *I am sure, how important it is* to see the best in them and not the worst.

PAKISTAN (from): Javed Miandad (capt), Ramiz Raja, Mudassar Nazar, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Asif Mujtaba, Ashraf Ali, Iqbal Qasim, Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Aamer Malik, Akram Raza, Manzoor Elahi, Saleem Jaffer.

ENGLAND: M W Gatting (capt), G A Gooch, B C Broad, R T Robinson, C W J Athey, D J Capel, J E Emburey, P A J DeFreitas, N A Foster, B N French, N G B Cook.

Sarfraz speaks out

Sarfraz Nawaz, the former Pakistan Test bowler who is a member of the Punjab assembly, has used the absence of libel laws in his home country to *make further outrageous* allegations against Dickie Bird and David Shepherd, two senior England umpires.

Sarfraz advocates an inquiry into Pakistan's recent World Cup semi-final defeat by Australia. He says the match was fixed, Bird and Shepherd being guilty of "wilful acts to fix the money-*spinning plan*".

"They are supposed to be the best in the world. But why did they make all those glaring blunders which went only against Pakistan?" he asks. "Dean Jones's run out, which even a blind man could tell, was not seen by Shepherd, and Bird's decision to give Imran caught behind while an appeal for stumping was made were no human errors."

Qadir's memorable figures

By Simon Wilde

Lahore, the venue for the first Test match, was the scene of England's only Test victory in Pakistan. Twenty-six years ago, they won there by five wickets — after a first-innings declaration by Pakistan — with an unlikely attack consisting of two fast bowlers making their debuts, Alan Brown and "Butch" White, supported by David Allen, Bob Barber and Ted Dexter. Despite losing that match, Pakistan have yet to be bowled out twice in a match in their own country by England.

*It was also in Lahore, in 1983-*84, that England lost a series to Pakistan for the first time. Needing to win to level the series, they looked as though they might manage it when Pakistan, set 243 to win, lost six wickets for 26 runs (Cowans *taking five in 22 balls*) before holding out for a draw.

In a game of fluctuating fortunes, Abdul Qadir returned the best match figures against England in Pakistan, 10 for 194: Sarfraz and a *limping Zaheer* shared a ninth-wicket partnership *of 161* and Gower batted over seven hours for 173 not out.

Since that last tour, the Gaddafi stadium has reverted to its usual role of staging the opening Test of an England series. Cowdrey's *side did* well in 1968-69 to take 15 wickets but on the next two occasions there was never any likelihood of a result. In 1977-78, England did not complete their first innings until the penultimate session.

At the ready: Gatting getting into shape for today's first Test match at Lahore

Australia recall pace pair

Sydney (Reuter) — Craig McDermott, a key figure in *Australia's World Cup triumph*, is recalled to their Test squad for the opening game of the three-match series against New Zealand. *McDermott* was named *in* a squad of 12 for the first Test match, starting in Brisbane on December 4, with the selectors relying essentially on the players used in the Cup competition.

Merv Hughes, the fast bowler, and Peter Sleep, the leg-spinner, are the two players in the 12 who did not go to the sub-continent, but they took part in Australia's *previous Test series, against* England in the 1986-87 season.

McDermott, who has taken 53 wickets in 17 Tests, the left-arm bowler, *Bruce* Reid, and Hughes comprise the new-ball trio, while Tim May is included ahead of his fellow off-spinner, Peter Taylor. May's impressive control and variety, and his further improvement since the one-day tournament, has put him in line for his first Test cap.

Missing from the team that defeated England in the fifth and *final Ashes Test in Sydney are* the batsmen, Greg Ritchie and Dirk Wellham (who has retired), and Tim Zoehrer.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD: A R Border (capt), G R Marsh, D C Boon, D M Jones, M R J Veletta, S R Waugh, G C Dyer, P R Sleep, T B A May, C J McDermott, B A Reid, M G Hughes.

Shastri included in Indian squad

Delhi (AFP) — The batsman, Mohammed Azharuddin, is out of the Indian squad for the first Test match against the West Indies, starting here today, after straining his groin in the nets.

But his injury has opened the *way for the inclusion of the* all-rounder. Ravi Shastri, and helped the selectors avoid a decision on which big name to drop on *the eve of the Test*.

The Indian selectors later added Raman Lamba to the party when Amarnath became a doubtful starter because of a viral infection.

Azharuddin's injury, sus*tained on Monday, is a big blow* to a squad already weakened by the retirement of opener Sunil Gavaskar, and the exclusion of *the* new find, Navjot Sidhu, nursing a broken right thumb.

Dilip Vengsarkar faces the prospect of a fiery baptism as the India captain when he seeks to lift his team after their World Cup disappointment.

"*It is going to be a challenge*," the middle-order batsman Vengsarkar, aged 31, said. His priorities in the four-Test rubber *include fighting indiscipline in* the side.

"I have been co-operating with everyone for the past 11 years, so I expect others to do *the same with me*," Vengsarkar, who has been appointed captain for the first two Tests and the *first one-day international*, said.

For the West Indies captain, Viv Richards, the Delhi stadium must hold fond memories of his first Test century on the 1974-75 tour, and he now returns with the task of lifting a side that is in *a transformational phase*.

Michael Holding and Larry Gomes have retired, while Joel Garner and Malcolm Marshall were unavailable for the tour. And Richards's problems were compounded by injury that forced the paceman, Tony Gray, to return home. However, West Indies have the fast bowlers, Courtney Walsh and Pat Patterson, fit again after stomach upsets.

INDIA *(from)*: D B Vengsarkar (capt), K Srikkanth, A Lal, M Amarnath, R J Shastri, S Manjrekar, Kapil Dev, A Ayub, K S More, C Sharma, Maninder Singh, C S Pandit.
WEST INDIES (from): I V A Richards (capt), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, A L Logie, P J L Dujon, P V Simmons, R A Harper, E A E Baptiste, C L Hooper, W W Davis, C G Butts, C A Walsh, B P Patterson, W K M Benjamin, D Williams.

● Rishton, of the Lancashire *League, have signed* Mohammad Azharuddin, for the 1988 season. He takes over from Viv Richards.

● *GEORGETOWN*: The West Indies Cricket Board has dropped Shell as the sponsor of the country's major tournament, the *Shell Shield* (AFP reports from Guyana). The Shield will now be sponsored by a Jamaican brewery.

TENNIS

Inner cities set for tonic as national event goes on tour

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Prudential Corporation has committed £2 million to British tennis. A three-year contract with the Lawn Tennis Association will be effective from January 1. The outstanding feature of the scheme will be Prudential's backing for the national championships.

These championships are to become an itinerant event serving to stimulate public interest at new indoor tennis centres and, it *is hoped, help those centres to* revitalize urban leisure activities. In short, tennis wants to move into the inner city areas.

The championships were put on their feet by the Refuge Assurance Company, who sponsored the tournament for its first four years. By 1986 the prize fund had risen to £93,960. Then Refuge withdrew and the LTA had to go it alone. This year's prize-money was £48,200, the singles champions taking £5,000 each. Next year the prize fund *will be increased to £80,000*.

The five previous championships, all played at Telford, served as congenial annual reunions for the British tennis set but aroused only a lukewarm response from the public and from television. The 1988 championships will be played at Queen's Club, West Kensington, from November 21 to 27.

This choice of venue seems at odds with the tournament's past and future: and Queen's Club has an unenviable reputation for threatening big indoor events with the kiss of death. But Queen's Club is LTA territory and has been chosen to fit in with the association's centenary programme. The championships have been shifted from the first week of October because the Olympic tennis tournament will be played the preceding week.

It makes sense to move *the* championships about the country and thus give a wider public the chance to see *Britain's* leading players in action. The snag will be a lack of continuity in the local organization.

Prudential's investment will also provide continuing support for the inter-county championships, played on grass at Eastbourne, and for nine national junior championships on three different surfaces. The corporation will extend its sponsorship to include the national short tennis championships, a miniature form of tennis designed for the under-10s. Prudential has withdrawn its backing from the inter-county *hard* court championships and the grass-roots coaching scheme.

Prudential's tennis sponsorship began with the inter-county championships in 1973 and four years later was extended to *junior tournaments* and the grass roots scheme. The corporation has been agreeably laid back in its sporting enterprises. *One's* only reservations about the new deal concern Queen's Club and, less seriously, any long-term repercussions on premiums paid under hearth and home policies.

HOCKEY

St Albans to make strong bid

By Sydney Friskin

Scotland have applied to the *International Hockey Federation* (FIH) to stage the World Cup indoor tournament, originally scheduled for Canberra, next March. *But this venue fell* through because of the withdrawal of several countries, including England.

The ninth Glenfiddich international indoor tournament, at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on January 9 and 10, has attracted two English clubs, East Grinstead, the national champions, and St Albans.

East *Grinstead* will be making their first appearance in the event with a strong squad, including the goalkeeper, Ian Taylor, and Richard Leman.

St Albans, recent winners of a tournament at Dortmund, and equally well stocked with *talented* players, such as Hurst, Halliday, Grimley and Rowley, can be expected to make a *strong challenge*.

Defending the title will be Arminen, of Austria, who will have to look to their laurels after recently being beaten 5-3 by one of the strongest Scottish challengers, Murray International Metals.

YACHTING

Award for hero of Cape Horn

By Barry Pickthall

Eddie Warden Owen, the winner of this year's *Congressional* Cup premier match race championship, who also steered Graham Walker's yacht, *Indulgence*, during the Admiral's Cup series, was proclaimed helmsman of the year at yesterday's Silk Cut Nautical Awards ceremony.

The crew of Jamarella, which has already been named as the Royal Ocean Racing Club's yacht of the year, was given a special award for its performance in the Admiral's Cup, in *which it finished* second.

The Silk Cut seamanship award went to the Surrey-born Canadian, John Hughes, the first man to round Cape Horn alone under jury rig.

Hughes, a competitor in this *year's BOC single-handed round* the world race, in the 42-foot sloop-rigged Joseph Young, was dismasted in the Pacific last *February, 1,500 miles* from New Zealand. Lashing two spinnaker poles together to act as a makeshift *mast, he* continued and made the 4,000 miles to Port Stanley.

While conserving his water and food for six weeks, *he had to* contend with 50-knot winds and two serious knock-downs when rounding the infamous Cape, but survived to *complete the* race.

Others to receive awards included Major Peter Snowdon, secretary of the Cowes Combined Clubs, and Arthur Oliver, commodore of Hayling Island sailing club, for their services to *the sport*.

OTHER WINNERS: National Rescue Award: Alderney Lifeboat Crew. Special Rescue Award: St Mary's Auxiliary Coastguard Rescue Company. *Individual Rescue Award*: Thomas Patterson. Seamanship Special Award: Eastbourne Inshore Lifeboat Crew. Production Boat Building Awards: Hunter Boats Ltd and the Aldeburgh Boat *Yard Company*. Electrical Equipment Award: Navico Ltd. Technical Innovation and Craftsmanship Award: Camper and Nicholson. Hardware Award: Lewmar Marine Ltd and British Seagull Outboards. *Yacht of the Year*: Sarracuda of Tarrant.

BADMINTON

Elliott is No. 1 seed in Wales

Fiona Elliott, winner of the Scottish title *on Sunday, is the* top seed for the Walker International Welsh women's singles championship in Cardiff from *December 4* to 6. Miss Elliott is seeded to meet Charlotte Hattens, of Denmark, whom she beat for the Scottish title. Steve Baddeley, the England No. 1, is seeded to meet Vimal Kumar, of India, in the men's final.

Miss Elliott is also seeded to reach the women's doubles final with Sara Halsall. Their opponents should be Gillian Gowers *and* Helen Troke, who is regaining fitness after snapping an Achilles tendon.

REAL TENNIS

Davies is No. 1 seed

By William Stephens

Wayne Davies, the world champion, is the No. 1 seed in the open singles championship, sponsored by George Wimpey, which begins at Holyport today, although the main event is at Hampton Court Palace from Friday. The No. 2 seed is the holder, Lachlan Deuchar, and third is Chris Ronaldson, the *former world champion, who is* in Davies's half of the draw. Seeded fourth is Jonathan Howell, *from* Bordeaux. The other seeds *in order* are *Johnson*, Lumley, Bray, all professionals, and Snow, the amateur champion.

Useful new guides to form this season have been the inaugural Laurent Perrier Invitation singles tournament at Holyport in September, and the weekly National League singles competition, sponsored by Relcon Communications.

In the invitation singles final, Deuchar defeated Ronaldson comfortably, having eliminated Davies in the semi-final through brilliance in volleying. Davies, Deuchar and the other semi-finalist, Hyland, are Australian and believe that their fitness, speed, sharpness and consistent accuracy now guarantee them superiority.

Among the lower seeds, Johnson, of Queen's Club, has been on a winning streak in the Relcon League, having beaten Lumley, Snow, Bray and Sheldon, *of Leamington*.

RUGBY LEAGUE

More clubs to complain about referees

By Keith Macklin

Two more clubs are considering sending official protests about the handling of their matches to the League management committee. Leigh complain that in last Sunday's John Player Special Trophy match at Hull their centre threequarter, John Henderson, had his jaw broken by an off-the-ball blow. Henderson retaliated and was sent to the sin bin.

Hull Kingston Rovers allege that their winger, Steve Smith, *had the ball wrenched from his* hands by the referee when he was suffering from concussion during the John Player game at Warrington.

● Whitehaven have appointed their caretaker coach and former player, John McFarlane, as official coach in place of Phil Kitchin, who was dismissed six weeks ago. During his caretaker *spell, Whitehaven have won* three games and been controversially defeated by Leeds in a John Player tie.

● Yorkshire Television will begin on Sunday a series of 18 matches from the Stones Bitter Championship. The series will begin with a repeat of the Yorkshire cup final between Castleford and Bradford Northern, *and will be shown on* Yorkshire, Granada and Border television.

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BOXING

January meeting for Sibson and Lee

Tony Sibson's revenge meeting with the American, Don Lee, has been rescheduled for the Albert Hall on January 27. Sibson has withdrawn from the original date of December 2 because of a shoulder injury.

The British middleweight champion, from Leicester, has been seeking a rematch since his defeat in Atlantic City four years ago.

To fill the gap, Tony Wilson, *of Wolverhampton, will meet* Blaine Logsen, of Warrington, for the vacant British light-heavyweight title.

● *The rival promoters, Mike* Barrett and Frank Warren, are in disagreement over the light-middleweight, Gary Cooper. After Cooper refused to box a replacement opponent for Lloyd Hibbert on a Warren show, Barrett announced he would meet Chris Pyatt, of Leicester, on his February 3 bill at *Wembley. Warren's response* has been to say he will seek a court injunction to prevent Cooper appearing for Barrett.

● Errol Christie tries to re-establish his middleweight career on *Saturday against José* Quiñones at Blazer's, Windsor.

● The unbeaten heavyweight, Gary Mason, from West Ham, *tops the bill* next week at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, against the American, Floyd Scaff.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Mercantile Credit Centenary Challenge

Everton v Bayern Munich (8.0)

Simod Cup
First round

Derby v Birmingham
Leeds v Sheffield Utd
Newcastle v Shrewsbury

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round

Brighton v Southend
Hereford v Torquay

GM Vauxhall Conference

Lincoln v Macclesfield

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division

Celtic v St Mirren

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Barcelona (Sp) v Flamurtari Vlora (Alb); Borussia Dortmund (WG) v Bruges (Bel); Feyenoord (Neth) v Bayer Leverkusen (WG); Guimaraes (Port) v Vitkovice (Cz); Honved Budapest (Hun) v Panathinaikos (Gr); Internazionale (It) v Español Barcelona (Sp); Verona (It) v Sportul Bucharest (Rom); Werder Bremen (WG) v Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR).

COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Final: Ballymena v Newry (at the Oval, Belfast).

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday; Blackpool v Grimsby; Hull v Nottingham Forest; Sheffield United v Huddersfield (7.30); Sunderland v Bradford. Second division: Barnsley v Preston; Blackburn v Port Vale; Darlington v West Bromwich; Doncaster v Mansfield; Notts County v Bolton (7.30); Scunthorpe v Middlesbrough; Stoke v Newcastle; York v Rotherham.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Reading (at Tooting and Mitcham FC); Ipswich v Southampton (2.0); Oxford United v Brighton.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon v Leyton Orient.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Shrewsbury v Exeter; Swansea v Cardiff.

FA TROPHY: Third round qualifying replay: Saltash v Slough.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon v Witton; Oswestry v Marine. First division: Eastwood Hanley v Winsford.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Leicester United v Burton; Shepshed v Worcester.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Second round: Chesham v Yeovil. First division: Kingsbury v Marlow; Southwick v Leatherhead. Second division north: Tring v Hornchurch (7.45).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Radstock; Dawlish v Liskeard.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Haywards Heath v Horsham.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: London Group: Middlesex v Surrey (at Imber Court). Midland Group: Final play-off: Warwickshire v North Midlands (at Coventry, 7.15).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University v Steele Bodger's XV (3.0); Royal Engineers v Royal Artillery (at United Services, Chatham, 2.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Maesteg v Llanelli (7.15); Moseley v Fylde; Newbridge v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.15); Pontypool v Pontypridd (7.0); Rosslyn Park v Loughborough Colleges (7.15); Swansea v Bridgend (7.0).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE (8.0): Bolton and Bury v Hemel and Watford; Bracknell v Derby; Crystal Palace v Solent; Kingston v Portsmouth; Livingston v Manchester United.

NATIONAL TROPHY (men): Brixton v Tower Hamlets (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Carlton v Vauxhall challenge (at Derby).

BOWLS: Indoor county matches: Berkshire v Somerset (at Whiteknights); Norfolk v Essex (at Wymondham Dell).

BOXING: Tournament: Willerby Manor Hotel, Hull.

HOCKEY: Pizza Express London League: Cambridge University v Weybridge Hawks (at Fenner's, 2.15).

ICE SKATING: Tuborg British senior figure championships (at Lee Valley).

MOTOR SPORT: Lombard RAC rally.

NETBALL: Grattan Second test: England v West Indies (at Granby Halls, Leicester, 8.0).

SNOOKER: Tennents UK championship (at Preston).

SPORT ON TV

GYMNASTICS: World rhythmic competition from Bulgaria. C4: 5.30 p.m.

ICE SKATING: Tuborg British figure championships from Lee Valley ice rink. C4: 5 p.m. ITV: 10.35 p.m.

MOTOR SPORT: Lombard RAC rally: update from Chester. BBC2: 7.20 p.m. (see also Sportsnight).

SNOOKER: Tennents United Kingdom championship: Quarter-final coverage from the Guild Hall, Preston. BBC2: 3.0 and 4.30 p.m. (see also Sportsnight).

SPORTSNIGHT: Football: Mercantile Credit Centenary League challenge: Everton v Bayern Munich. Snooker: Tennents United Kingdom championship: *Quarter-final* coverage from the Guild Hall, Preston. Motor Sport: Lombard RAC rally: Report from Chester. BBC1: 10.25 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

Police involvement not required in disciplinary code

By Clive White

Leading figures in football administration, meeting in Manchester yesterday, made it clear to the police that they felt they were perfectly capable of discharging the responsibility for maintaining law and order on the field of play.

Graham Kelly, the Football League secretary, said: "Save in the most exceptional circumstances, I believe football will continue to demonstrate that it can exercise discipline firmly and fairly."

But in order to satisfy the police that it is indeed capable of keeping its own house in order, the Football Association will have to be seen to be a lot tougher in its dealings with offenders, particularly persistent ones like Mark Dennis, the Queen's Park Rangers full back, who in the next couple of weeks must answer yet another charge for bringing the game into disrepute.

Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), said: "We must make sure that our disciplinary system can be seen to be effective."

Concerned that escalating police involvement in the English game might reach a similar level to that in Scotland, where four players were recently charged with a breach of the peace, the governing bodies met police representatives at the headquarters of the PFA for what they described as "exploratory" talks on the subject.

David Phillips, the assistant chief constable of Greater Manchester and the secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers, listened to what the various bodies had to say and will now report back to his colleagues, before again meeting the game's representatives.

Kelly expressed a hope that there would be some consistency in police attitudes throughout England and Wales. "We all feel very strongly that footballers are not above the law," he said. "But if there are incidents or inflammatory gestures, which could cause crowd trouble, then they should be reported to the football authorities, who can take action."

Taylor denied that the meeting had been initiated by the police. "We firmly believe that the football authorities are fully capable of administering our own discipline for players."

He added: "We wouldn't want the organized gangs of hooligans to use any incident on the pitch as a justification of what they are doing."

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said: "What has come out of it is that the system works pretty well. The situation has existed now for 125 years and it may need the edges polished every now and again, but we are not looking at masses of changes."

Pavarotti adds to the draw

Zurich (Reuter) — Luciano Pavarotti, the opera singer, will top the bill at the draw for the 1990 World Cup finals in the Hallen Stadion here on December 12. In a break with tradition, the draw ceremony will be interspersed with entertainment Guido Tognoni, Press officer for the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday.

"We want to make this draw less boring and, we hope, more entertaining for our world-wide viewers than maybe previous draws," Tognoni said. Among other famous personalities in attendance will be Pele, Michel Platini, the world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, and the singer-actor, Adriano Celentano, the highest-paid performer on Italian television.

The Italian television group, RAI, will bear the brunt of the estimated SwFr1.4 million (£583,000) cost. Applications to broadcast the show and the draw had already been received from nearly 50 radio and television stations, Tognoni said.

Tognoni said FIFA had recieved 113 applications for the draw, including late entries from Madagascar and Sierra Leone. "The organizing committee will decide whether to accept them when it meets here on December 10," he said.

Representatives from the 32 European applicants, competing for 13 places in the finals, would meet the preceding evening to study proposals for their part in the draw. There would be four groups of five teams and three of four.

The first two in the five-team sections would qualify for the finals with the winners of the three four-team groups. A play-off between the runners-up in these groups would decide which teams took the last two places. Seedings will be based on results in previous World Cups and the European championships.

● BONN: Christian Stielike, the eight-year-old son of the former West German international, Uwe Stielike, has been chosen to make the draw for the European championship finals in West Germany, the organizers announced yesterday (Reuter reports). The draw for the tournament, which runs from June 10 to 25, takes place in Düsseldorf on January 12.

Greek protest at decision

Athens (Reuter) — Greece will play the Netherlands behind closed doors in Alexandroupolis in next month's European championship qualifying tie, the Greek Football Federation president, Sotiris Alimisis, said yesterday. Alimisis said the move was in protest at UEFA's decision to replay last month's controversial match between the Netherlands and Cyprus instead of adhering to an earlier decision to award Cyprus a 3-0 victory.

The original group five match, which the Netherlands won 8-0, was interrupted for an hour after a spectator threw a firework at the Cypriot goalkeeper. UEFA's original decision to give the tie to Cyprus had kept Greece's qualifying hopes alive but their revised decision to replay the match on December 9 means the Netherlands will qualify for next year's finals in West Germany if they win, thus turning the Greece-Netherlands match on December 16 into a "dead" tie.

Blokhin set for future

Moscow (Reuter) — Oleg Blokhin, the Soviet international forward, hopes to end his playing career at a foreign professional club. Interviewed in yesterday's *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, Blokhin, aged 35, who recently completed his final season with Dynamo Kiev, said he was not planning to retire.

Sooner or later, he said, Soviet football was bound to gain professional status and experience with foreign clubs would be invaluable if he was to take up coaching. Under the present system, all Soviet league clubs are affiliated to a central organization, such as the trade unions.

Asked what he felt about "fixed" matches, where the teams agreed on the result before kick-off, Blokhin said: "Personally, I'm against them. How many have I played in? I never counted."

Davison aiming to put Leeds on song

By Martin Searby

Leeds United's Simod Cup tie against Sheffield United at Elland Road tonight takes on added significance with Bobby Davison appearing as a fully-fledged Leeds player for the first time. He scored on his debut against Swindon Town while technically on loan last Saturday and his new club ran up their best score of the season, winning 4-2.

The question remains: Will the arrival of Davison, aged 28, spur Leeds to put together the sort of performances that made them compelling favourites for promotion this season?

"It is not too late," the former Derby County, Huddersfield Town and Halifax goalscorer said. "There are still plenty of points to play for and at Derby last season we did not really put a run together until after Christmas. It will not bother me whether there is pressure or not. I have always scored my fair share of goals and I would hope to make a quick impact either by scoring or making them for somebody else."

Davison, who cost Leeds £350,000, will also lift some of the weight from the shoulders of Billy Bremner, the manager, who has been thwarted in earlier attempts to sign Falco, of Rangers, Shearer, of Huddersfield, and Meade, of Sporting Lisbon. There have been suggestions that his job is in danger, a situation not helped when the chairman last week gave him the vote of confidence that so often is the kiss of death.

"I've always accepted that Leeds will fire me if they think I'm not the right guy to run their club," Bremner says. "I'm disappointed we have made an indifferent start to the season and if some folk build that up into a crisis for me I can't help it. I'm working just as hard as when we got into the semi-finals of the FA Cup and into the promotion play-offs last season and so are the players.

"Our injury problems have been horrendous and while I don't complain I sometimes wonder if I've run over a black cat without noticing. No one here has mentioned my position and the chairman said what he did in response to the media."

Despite Bremner's ability to meet his problems head on there can be no doubt that he is hoping Davison will turn out to be the chord missing from his out-of-tune attack this season.

● Tommy Williams is likely to be the only first-choice defender in Birmingham City's team to play at Derby County in the Simod Cup tonight. Vince Overson is suspended, Julian Dicks is out with an ankle injury and both Brian Roberts (hamstring) and Ray Ranson (heavy cold) are doubtful. Philip Priest, the former Chelsea midfielder, who has been injured for three months, will make his Shrewsbury Town debut at Newcastle United. In the Freight Rover Trophy, Brighton give a debut to Jack Dineen, aged 17, a right winger, in tonight's match against Southend United.

● Manchester United will leave behind three injured defenders, Paul McGrath, Colin Gibson and Billy Garton, when they fly out to Bermuda today. With no League game on Saturday, United will play the Bermuda national team, returning home on Thursday week.

McGrath has missed United's last five games with a knee injury and Alex Ferguson, the manager, has made inquiries over four players in an attempt to strengthen his defence.

Taylor adds Stuart Gray to his stable

By Dennis Shaw

Graham Taylor's rebuilding at Aston Villa continued yesterday with the signing of Stuart Gray from Barnsley for £175,000. The former Nottingham Forest player will form a centre midfield partnership with Andy Gray, signed from Crystal Palace last Thursday for £150,000.

"When all our players are fit I shall feel much happier about the size of our squad now," the Villa manager said. "Any further comings and goings will have to finance themselves and will be designed to achieve a better balance."

Stuart Gray, aged 27, made 56 appearances for Forest before joining Barnsley for £40,000. He played 107 times for Barnsley and was their leading goalscorer last season with 14.

● West Bromwich Albion agreed to sell George Reilly, their former Watford and Newcastle forward, to Oldham Athletic for £75,000. Reilly met Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, for contract talks yesterday.

● Derby County manager, Arthur Cox, yesterday denied reports suggesting he was trying to set up a double deal for the Arsenal forwards, Niall Quinn and Charlie Nicholas. "It is all pure speculation," Cox said. "I haven't said a word about either of them to the Arsenal manager, George Graham."

● Earl Barrett, aged 20, the Manchester City reserve defender, is expected to sign for Oldham Athletic today in a £35,000 deal.

Bad luck for Biggins

The Norwich City forward, Wayne Biggins, will be sidelined for at least three weeks after twisting knee ligaments while playing for the reserves yesterday. The injury completed an unhappy few days for Biggins, who submitted a transfer request after being dropped for last Saturday's League match at Liverpool.

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, and his Hull counterpart, Brian Horton, were present at Loftus Road to check on Biggins, and he said: "I'm devastated. It has probabaly been the worst week of my career."

Perry Groves, the Arsenal forward, should have recovered by this weekend from the badly gashed leg which led to his early departure from last Saturday's 1-0 home defeat by Southampton. Groves is scheduled to resume training today and the manager, George Graham, is optimistic he will be fit for Saturday's trip to Watford. However, the midfield player, Paul Davis, who played out the match despite jarring a knee early on, is more doubtful.

Alan McDonald, Queen's Park Rangers' Northern Ireland defender, could be out of action for a couple of weeks after an X-ray revealed ankle ligament damage. The centre half, aged 24, is virtually ruled out of Saturday's trip to Sheffield Wednesday but Wayne Fereday, the former England under-21 winger, is expected to be fit after having a precautionary X-ray on an ankle injury.

Newry seeking solace

Newry Town, who meet Ballymena United in tonight's County Antrim Shield final at the Oval, Belfast, have not been short of problems over the past few weeks (George Ace writes).

They went down 3-0 to Linfield in the TNT Gold Cup final last Saturday week and, four days later, lost the Roadferry Cup quarter final in controversial circumstances, again to Linfield. Last weekend they crashed 3-0 to Portadown in a League encounter.

That is not the kind of form that suggests they will brush Ballymena aside but the club's manager, Matt Bradley, is far from despondent, saying: "The lads have something to prove. We didn't deserve to lose the Roadferry Cup game and we were the better team for an hour against Portadown.

"Ballymena are a young side and Alex McKee is getting a good response from them. But I think our attitude to this game will be different; we will have learned from our mistakes."

Robinson: good winner despite the judges' inconsistencies

ICE SKATING

Robinson passes first test in defence of title

By John Hennessy

Paul Robinson, the Tuborg British figure-skating champion last year, safely negotiated the first hurdle in this year's competition at Lee Valley yesterday. Robinson won the compulsory figure section comprehensively from Ashley Moore, a former British champion on rollers. Robinson was placed first by all seven judges; Moore second by five of them. A complicated tie-break among several skaters finally put David Reynolds (Billingham/Streatham), third in this championship in 1984, in third place.

But this was an occasion when the judges, unwillingly for sure, tended to overshadow the competitors, since there were some hilarious divergences of appreciation.

This was nowhere more conspicuous than when Merrick Kerr (Kyle/Murrayfield) executed the second figure, for one judge, Diana Sturck, gave him 3.0, to place him alongside Robinson in first place, whereas another, Maureen Cumming, gave him 2.6 to place him last of the nine competitors.

Mrs Cumming is an official of long experience, whereas Mrs Sturck was making a first appearance at this level. Mrs Sturck is therefore little known outside the inner coterie of ice skating, but as Diana Bartlam she was a gold medal winner at both figures and free a few years back, so she should know what's what.

But so, too, should Mrs Cumming. The enigma of such diverse evaluation, alas, must remain a mystery since judges are forbidden to discuss such matters in public.

Christian Newberry (Solihull/Lee Valley) was similarly nonplussed by his mark for the same figure. Wendy Clay opened the innings with a dismissive 1.9, the lowest among 189 individual marks hoisted yesterday, whereas Elizabeth Currie thought his brackets were worth 3.4 for third place.

So it went on. Margaret Park placed Kerr second in the first figure, whereas four of her colleagues put him last. Charles Wildridge (Queens) and Marc Renjard (Billingham/Murrayfield) both suffered the same perplexing experience of being placed second by one judge and last by another.

At all events, Robinson was a good winner.

RESULTS: Men: Compulsory figures: 1, P Robinson (Blackpool/Billingham), 0.6pts; 2, A Moore (Oxford), 1.2; 3, D Reynolds (Billingham/Streatham), 1.8; 4, M Renjard (Billingham/Murrayfield), 2.4; 5, C Wildridge (Queens), 3.0; 6, C Newberry (Solihull/Lee Valley), 3.6. **Pairs: Short programme:** 1, C Peake and A Naylor (Nottingham), 0.4pts; 2, L Cushley and N Cushley (Billingham), 0.8; 3, H Williams and N Herring (Oxford) 1.2.

Sponsors carry on for Britain

By John Goodbody

Sponsorship in British sport has not been harmed by the Stock Market crash last month although, in Australia, companies are pulling out of deals or cutting contributions.

Bill Mattes, the general manager of the Confederation of Australia Sports, said yesterday: "The sponsorship problem has been brewing for some time. The share crisis has made it worse." He added that the situation could worsen next year when the full impact of the share crash would be felt.

But in Britain, Derek Etherington, the sponsorship adviser to the Sports Council, said: "The crash has made no difference whatsoever. In fact I have had four inquiries in the last 10 days, all of at least £250,000.

"I am not concerned about the future because sponsorship is a relatively inexpensive method of promotion. If there were any cutbacks, I would expect they would come in other areas, like advertising, rather than in sponsorships."

A spokesman for Alan Pascoe Associates, which has contracts with several governing bodies and events, said: "The crash has had no effect on us at all."

A spokeswoman for Barclays Bank, which has signed a £4.55 million three-year sponsorship deal with the Football League, said there was no question of Barclays not honouring its commitment.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Snowfall brings new mood of optimism to Calgary

Calgary (Reuter) — A mood of optimism and expectancy has settled on Calgary along with the first heavy snowfalls of winter. In less than a day last week, the snow brought rush-hour chaos to the Olympic city; roads were blocked, traffic jams heavy and rail delays lengthy. More than five centimeters fell in a few hours, leaving a legacy of nearly 200 minor road accidents.

Yet Calgary's 650,000 residents welcomed the storm — and pleaded for more. The snow is further proof that the city's preparations for the 15th Winter Olympic Games are progressing as planned, though the opening ceremony on February 9 is almost three months away.

Even if the Games' organizers had personally arranged the weather, the first major snowfall of the season could not have come at a more opportune time. "It was a marvellous public relations exercise," the organizing committee's spokesman, Bill Payne, said. "It was just the boost we needed."

Little more than a day earlier the Canada Olympic Park, venue of the ski jumping, luge and bobsleigh events, was officially opened at a cost of $60 million (about £33 million). Just hours after the first flakes had begun falling, the plane carrying the Olympic flame from Greece touched down on the other side of Canada in St John's, Newfoundland.

Snowfalls less than 100 days before the start of the Olympics are a promising sign, because a warm February remains the one factor many fear could blight the proceedings.

All the major venues have been completed, accommodation for 2,500 competitors and 5,000 media personnel is well in hand, the outcry over an embarrassing ticket scandal has died down and the Games are on target to make a substantial profit.

But while the possibility of mild weather remains a real threat — the warm, westerly Chinook wind can raise midwinter temperatures by 25° C in a couple of hours — the recent icy spell has done much to alleviate fears.

The storm gave the Alpine ski venue at Nakiska on Mount Allan and the Nordic skiing centre at Canmore, both of which were criticized last year after warm weather disrupted several preview events, their first significant dusting of natural snow.

Calgary's average February temperature is minus-10° C and organizers are confident there will be no departure from the norm in 1988, even though an abundance of real snow is not vital to the success of the XV Winter Olympics.

What does matter is a sustained period of cold weather to allow the maximum use of Calgary's computerized snowmaking machines, which are guaranteed to produce enough artificial snow to keep the Games on schedule.

Canmore, like Nakiska a one-hour drive west of Calgary into the Rockies, is similarly equipped — the first time snowmaking equipment has been used so extensively for Nordic skiing events at an Olympics.

"We have the equipment to make all the snow necessary. What we need is three or four days of sub-zero temperatures to make enough snow," Payne said.

The Games' other main centres are the Saddledome and the magnificent and unique Olympic Oval. The Saddledome, a 17,000-seat, saddle-shaped arena close to the city centre, was built four years ago and features the world's largest suspended concrete roof.

But the Oval, the world's first fully-enclosed 400-metre speedskating track, remains the jewel in Calgary's crown. Large enough to accommodate five ice-hockey rinks side by side, the 4,000 seat Oval is ringed by windows that allow natural light but deflect direct sunlight off the ice.

Sponsors are reported to have contributed nearly $65 million (about £36 million) — more than 10 times the amount attracted by the 1980 Lake Placid Games — with one brewery responsible for $10 million alone.

The bulk of the Games' expenses, estimated at $470 million (£264 million), have been covered by the sale of the US broadcasting rights to ABC Television for $309 million (£174 million).

TENNIS

Borg's new ladder of wealth

Stockholm (AP) — Bjorn Borg, who won five consecutive Wimbledon singles titles from 1976 to 1980, amassed an estimated $75 million (about £41,700,000) in prizes and endorsements during his career, but his fortune now amounts to less than eight million dollars, according to published reports based on tax records. Figures from the first income tax return Borg has filed in Sweden in 11 years show that in 1986 he had taxable income of $184,000.

Now a successful businessman, Borg moved back to his native country two years ago after residing in Monte Carlo since the mid-1970s. He moved to the tax haven in southern France to avoid the Swedish taxes, one of the highest in the world. Tax figures for some individuals, which are public in Sweden, will not be officially published until early next year, a Swedish Internal Revenue Service (SIRS) spokesman said. But a Swedish television programme on Borg said his fortune was listed on tax records as $7,920,000, which is considerably less than the amount he earned during a 10-year professional career that started at the age of 16 in 1973.

Borg, who also captured six French Open singles championships before retiring in 1983, is believed to be worth much more. He could have purchased a pension fund abroad and real estate as a tax shelter. A spokesman for the SIRS said foreign pensions funds are not taxable in Sweden.

Borg's financial adviser declined to comment. "I'd be a bad adviser if I revealed anything." Bjorn Gullstrom, president of Projekthuset Klient, a company that handles Borg's tax planning, said. Borg has purchased property in Sweden alone for more than $14.1 million through his real estate company, Stronghold, in the past year.

Borg still has about 10 worldwide endorsement contracts. He is a board member of several companies and promotes his own line of men's fashion and perfumery. "If Bjorn does business with the same energy that he played tennis, he will probably become the richest man in Sweden," Risto Koskenranta, an executive of the Eiser International Fashion Company in which Borg holds a 10 per cent stake, said.

Borg, aged 31, Sweden's best known personality, also works as a tourist ambassador. He signed a four-year contract with the Swedish Tourist Board in 1986.

Now playing only for exercise, Borg recently reiterated that he will never return to competitive tennis but added after making a rare appearance before the Stockholm Open Grand Prix final this month: "I will never lose contact with the game."

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Steaua Bucharest 6, Universitatea Craiova 4; Sport Club Bacau 2, Corvinul Hunedoara 0; CSM Suceava 2, Rapid Bucharest 0; Flacara Moreni 2, FCM Brasov 1; FG Arges Pitesti 0, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; ASA Tirgu Mures 2, Otelul Galati 1.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Swindon 3; Charlton 1, Chelsea 4.
FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Replay: Northwich Victoria 4, Redditch United 1 (aet)
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon 2, Dulwich Hamlet 2. Second division North: Vauxhall Motors 0, Royston Town 1
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Worcester 3, Corby 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Hyde 2, Chorley 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Millwall 1, Arsenal 4.
SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Bognor Regis Town 2, Lewes 3.
KNIGHTS FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE: Harlow Town 4, Chelmsford 0
IRISH ROADFERRY CUP: Semi-final: Portadown 4, Larne 3 (aet)
CHATHAM: Corps Quadrangular tournament: Royal Artillery 0, REME 1; Royal Engineers 0, Royal Signals 3.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: QPR 1, Norwich 2.

HOCKEY

KARACHI: International series: Pakistan 9, South Korea 1

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Quebec Nordiques 4, Montreal Canadiens 3, Calgary Flames 9, New Jersey Devils 2.

BASKETBALL

BANGKOK: Asian Championships: Second round: South Korea 104, India 72; Japan 81, Taiwan 69; Philippines 98, Thailand 86; China 89, Malaysia 72; Indonesia 70, Singapore 69; Jordan 160, Macao 63, Iraq 138, Hong Kong 78
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): San Antonio Spurs 117, New York Knicks 112, Chicago Bulls 107, Boston Celtics 102.

BADMINTON

KELSO: Scotland v Sweden challenge: Men: U Johansson (Swe) bt A White (Sco), 15-7, 15-12; K Middlemiss Scot bt J Herrgardh (Swe), 15-10, 15-9. Women: J Allen (Sco) bt M Henning (Swe), 12-11, 11-9; A Gibson (Sco) bt L Johansson (Swe), 11-3, 11-8. Men's doubles: A White and I Pringle (Sco) bt U Johansson and J Herrgardh (Swe), 15-10, 15-8. Women's doubles: J Allen and E Allen (Sco) bt M Henning and L Johansson (Swe), 15-2, 15-10. Mixed doubles: M Mellquist and L Johansson (Swe) bt K Middlemiss and E Allen (Sco), 12-15, 15-10, 17-14. Match result: Scotland 5, Sweden 2.
SUNDERLAND: Carlton v Vaxball Challenge: First round: M Frost (Vikings) bt S Baddeley (Cavaliers), 15-12, 15-8. N Yates (Cavaliers) bt H Svarrer (Vikings), 12-15, 15-3, 15-30. Men's doubles: P G Jonsson and M Kjeldson (Vikings) bt W Gilliland and S Baddeley (Cavaliers), 15-12, 15-7. Latest position: Vikings 2, Cavaliers 1.

RUGBY FIVES

CLUB MATCH: Felsted The Jesters bt The Old Felstedians, 71-38. Scores (Jesters first): Griffiths and Davenport bt Pearson and Vogel 15-5, Wood and Wood bt Paterson and Carr 15-9; Griffiths and Davenport bt Paterson and Carr 21-2; Wood and Wood lost to Pearson and Vogel 20-22.

SHOOTING

PEKING: Chinese National Games: Small bore free rifle (prone): Li Chaoyang (China), 705 3pts (world record).

SQUASH RACKETS

LONDONDERRY CUP: First round: Hove GS bt Old Whitgiftians, 3-2.

WEIGHTLIFTING

PEKING: Chinese National Games: 56kg: He Yingqiang (China), snatch 133.5kg (world record).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Los Angeles Rams 30, Washington Redskins 26.

TENNIS

CAPE TOWN: Exhibition event: P Cash (Aus) bt H Leconte (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; K Curren (US) bt S Davis (US) 7-6, 6-3; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Kriek (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; D Pate (US) bt C Van Rensburg (SA) 7-5, 6-4.
ITAPARICA, Brazil: Brazil Open tournament: First round: D Pérez (Ur) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-4, 6-2; J Izaga (Peru) bt A Tous (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt P Arraya (Peru), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; L Mattar (Br) bt I Kley (Br), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; R Osterthun (WG) bt J Aguilera (Sp), 6-2, 4-6, 7-6; G Bloom (Isr) bt B Oresar (Yug), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.
GRAND PRIX POINTS (MIPTC): 1, I Lendl (Cz), 4,779pts; 2, S Edberg (Swe), 4,354; 3, M Wilander (Swe), 3,519; 4, M Mecir (Cz), 2,852; 5, B Becker (WG), 2,368; 6, J Connors (US), 2,295; 7, P Cash (Aus), 2,187; 8, B Gilbert (US), 1,861; 9, T Mayotte (US), 1,815; 10, A Gómez (Ec), 1,712; 11, Y Noah (Fr), 1,533; 12, A Jarryd (Swe), 1,465; 13, E Sánchez (Sp), 1,442; 14, J McEnroe (US), 1,295; 15, M Jaite (Arg), 1,286; 16, S Zivojinovic (Yug), 1,110; 17, K Carlsson (Swe), 1,087; 18, J Nystrom (Swe), 1,032; 19, D Pate (US), 993; 20, J Hlasek (Cz), 924.
ATP MONEY-WINNERS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), $993,656 (£558,000); 2, S Edberg (Swe), 937,467; 3, M Mecir (Cz), 860,326; 4, M Wilander (Swe), 672,674; 5, P Cash (Aus), 460,934; 6, T Mayotte (US), 413,821; 7, B Gilbert (US), 385,362; 8, B Becker (WG), 371,979; 9, J McEnroe (US), 365,768; 10, A Gómez (Ec), 362,988; 11, A Jarryd (Swe), 360,977; 12, E Sánchez (Sp), 345,683; 13, Y Noah (Fr), 326,503; 14, J Connors (US), 312,026; 15, T Smid (Cz), 299,198; 16, R Seguso (US), 229,022; 17, J Nystrom (Swe), 227,215; 18, M Jaite (Arg), 222,521; 19, S Zivojinovic (Yug), 220,824; 20, D Pate (US), 215,121

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Leading placings: 1, R Hermann (Liech) and A Doyle (GB), 22pts; 2, V Diehl and R Guenther (WG), 12; 3, U Freuler (Switz) and D Thurau (WG), 12. One lap behind: 4, P Bincoletto and A Baffi (It), 18; 5, D Clark (GB) and T Sawyer (Aus), 16; 6, P Schwarzentruber and B Holenweger (Switz), 8
LEÓN, Mexico: Mexican youth race: Fourth leg (187km): 1, J C Zamora (Mex), 4hr 18min 25sec; 2, H Sánchez (Mex), 7sec behind.

ATHLETICS

Nally and Pascoe in link-up

Alan Pascoe, managing director of his own sports sponsorship agency, and Patrick Nally, founder of the former international West Nally Group, yesterday announced they were to link up as Pascoe Nally International Limited. PNI will provide an international sponsorship service and it will operate independently of Alan Pascoe Associates within the WCRS Group.

Pascoe, aged 40, the former international athlete, has developed in particular British athletics, swimming and skating. He said yesterday: "I am delighted Patrick and I are forming this company, linking a very creative and far-sighted individual in the development of sponsorship worldwide with the project development and administrative skills for which APA is well-known."

Nally, who will be managing director of PNI, said: "There is great scope in the development of the relationship between sponsorship and the new media opportunities now becoming available."

Among the new international company's contracts will be the European athletics championships in Yugoslavia in 1990, the European indoor championships in 1988 and 1990, the Europa Cup in 1989, the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand in 1990 and the World Games in West Germany in 1989.

PNI will have a close relationship with Cheerleader Productions, the television company.

Four-way battle

Bonn (Reuter) — The World Cup finalists from last year, Argentina and West Germany, will be joined by the Soviet Union and Sweden in a four-nation Easter football tournament in West Berlin next year. Sweden had agreed to take the place of France, the European champions, who turned down an invitation.

Unification bout

Las Vegas (AFP) — Julio César Chávez, of Mexico, the World Boxing Association lightweight champion, said that he is ready to face his compatriot and World Boxing Council titleholder, José Luis Ramirez, to reunify the crown and that such a contest could be organized next March.

Rally diary

No rest after the RAC test

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Juha Kankkunen, who looks like becoming the first man to retain his world championship, will not get much time to rest on his laurels after the RAC Lombard Rally. It was announced in Paris yesterday that he will drive a Peugeot in the legendary Paris-Dakar Rally in the new year.

"It is obviously a totally different event to the RAC," the Finn said. "It is more about endurance than speed but it will be a great experience and I'm looking forward to it — hopefully, after I have won here."

Kankkunen, at 28 the youngest world rally champion, will do one other race for the Peugeot team next year, the Pike's Peak, though it seems likely that he will be at the wheel of a Toyota in next year's world championship after only one season with Lancia.

Driven back to paper-pushing

A few gremlins have got into the super new computer system at rally headquarters in Chester, the main one being Japanese. Having travelled half-way round the world to compete in the RAC, Sinya Yamauchi's Mazda ran out of petrol on the way to the first stage. He missed the stage and was disqualified but, not surprisingly, decided to continue.

Nobody told the computer he had not completed the first stage and initial results after the second stage showed Yamauchi leading the event by a handsome two minutes.

The system never really recovered from that and had to be turned off for several hours on Monday afternoon, causing so much old-fashioned paper-pushing that only a last-minute intervention by Rank Xerox prevented an embarrassing shortage of paper in the Press office.

City boom

Whatever the result of the rally, the real winner will be the city of Chester. According to Paul Wells, director of the Chester Marketing Bureau, the city will earn about £750,000 from the rally, which is about 20 per cent up on an average week in November. That is a pretty shrewd investment by the city, which bid only £25,000 to host the rally. The shopkeepers and hoteliers of Harrogate, the hosts of the 1988 rally, must be rubbing their hands in anticipation.

Sombre Bell

After a disastrous first day for the GM Dealer sport team, during which four out of six cars retired, including his own, Derek Bell, the world sports car champion, returned to his hotel to find a band playing. Never one to miss a chance, he persuaded the trumpeter to strike up a solo as soon as the other drivers returned. The tune? *The Last Post*.

The A Team

An army of volunteers ensure the smooth running of the RAC Rally but none is more important than Rally Assistance, a team of indefatigable troubleshooters. Among the strange requests this week have been a mig welder at 10 p.m. on Sunday and a toothbrush at 6 a.m. on Monday morning.

They run the "Rally Call" service, which received more than 2,000 calls in the first two days, some from as far afield as Iceland and Spain, organize the courtesy cards and act as an unofficial hotel booking agency. They also managed to find the welder and toothbrush.

Marshal law

Not everyone is thrilled by the rally. Among the complainants is a resident on the Oswestry bypass who said that some competitors were not obeying traffic signals and speed restrictions, and a Yorkshire farmer who was blocked by the marshals during one of the stages yesterday. He was not amused, particularly as he was only trying to drive back to his own house.

Oil's not well

Louise Aitken-Walker, who drove spiritedly until the middle of the third day, had some unusual assistance from a spectator yesterday. The Scot having lost a lot of oil from the engine of her Peugeot 205 on the 31st stage, the spectator drained a pint and a half of oil from his own car so that she could keep going. It was all to no avail: she had to retire at the end of the stage while lying tenth.

Stage talk

Mikael Ericsson, after a complaint by Russell Brookes that the stage maps had missed a few corners: "You don't believe what the maps say, do you?"

Kalle Grundel, asked which way his wheels were facing by his service crew on the phone after an accident in the Welsh forests, replied: "Upwards."

Russell Brookes: "I wish the stages were wider — about 200 yards wider."

Stig Blomqvist's short and sweet comment on second-day conditions: "Weather no good for car."

Yves Bozet, co-driver after Jean-Pierre Van de Wauwer had slid off into the Welsh forest: "The driver, he crazy."

Andrew Longmore

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Bayern anxious to complete signing of Hughes

By Ian Ross

Manchester United's hopes of bringing Mark Hughes back to Old Trafford suffered a major setback yesterday. Hughes is on loan from Barcelona to Bayern Munich, the West German League champions, and Uli Hoeness, the club's general manager, has made clear his intention to make the deal permanent within the next few months.

Shortly after arriving in Liverpool to prepare his side for tonight's Mercantile Credit Challenge match at Goodison Park against Everton, the Football League champions, Hoeness said: "I have been very impressed by what I have seen of Mark since his arrival and will be trying to raise the money required to make the transfer permanent. Nothing has been settled or decided as of yet but we are very interested in him."

Hughes, who has accepted that he is surplus to requirements at Barcelona, would have returned to Manchester United two months ago had they been willing to settle his £120,000 tax bill. Last night he was reluctant to discuss his long-term future but admitted that his move to Munich had given him a new lease of life after the immense disappointments he suffered following his £2 million transfer to Barcelona 18 months ago.

"At the moment I am only thinking in the short term and simply want to do well for Bayern Munich because they showed faith in me and I would like to repay that faith," he said. "I will just have to see what happens because there are a great many things to sort out yet. I was ready to come back at one stage but with my tax situation as it is Bayern Munich was the only choice.

"I have been quite pleased with the way things have gone and am relieved to have started playing football again. I am on a high at the moment simply because I am back playing," he added.

The Germans were invited to return to the scene of their 1985 European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final defeat after Rangers, Everton's original opponents, withdrew from the match – part of the Football League's centenary celebrations – on the advice of police chiefs who feared crowd trouble.

Despite the quality of the opposition they will be facing, tonight's game will be very much a bitter-sweet affair for Everton, the club which has suffered the most as a result of the ban on English clubs participating in European competitions imposed in the wake of the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster.

Everton have twice been deprived of a place in the European Cup and would also have taken part in the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1985-86 after finishing runners-up to Liverpool in both the first division and the FA Cup.

"Obviously the players do miss the flavour of Europe," Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, said. "As a top player you try and win things in this country so that you can pit your wits and skills against the best in Europe and they have not been able to do that." One of Everton's main objectives tonight will be to erase the bitter memory of a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Real Madrid earlier in the season, a result Harvey believes may well have damaged the club's reputation abroad.

"We felt that perhaps our reputation was damaged a little. We had a number of injury problems on that night but there were still 11 men out on the field wearing Everton shirts. We were hammered on that occasion but this time we will be stronger and we are determined it will not happen again," Harvey said.

With Trevor Steven, the England international midfield player, still suffering from a hamstring injury Harvey has named the side which defeated Portsmouth at Fratton Park on Saturday.

Tonight's game, which is expected to attract a crowd of around 25,000, will be preceded by a meeting of two sides made up of former Everton and Liverpool players, including Ian St John, Alan Ball and Duncan Mackenzie.

FA in search of a May attraction

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football Association's decision to withdraw Argentina's invitation to compete for the Rous Cup has left England out in the cold. As a consequence, Bobby Robson's side could be damagingly short of match practice when they enter the finals of the European Championship in West Germany next summer.

Neither France nor Sweden, the nations subsequently selected by the FA to replace its original choice, are available. The alternatives are so limited that the triangular tournament is likely to be reduced to no more than the traditional annual fixture between England and Scotland, at Wembley on May 21.

Waging war against "the auld enemy" is scarcely the ideal preparation. England need to tune themselves by taking on sophisticated and gentle opponents, rather than the physically passionate challenge which will inevitably be presented by a side hurt by its failure to join the Continent's top eight countries.

Yet the exercise, which carries the potentially fearful risk of injury, could be one of only two outings between the end of March and the finals themselves. England are to complete their warm-up in Switzerland, against hosts who are designed to lift their confidence.

England were to have travelled to Portugal in April but even that plan has yet to be confirmed. "If that is not possible, we could juggle the schedule around," Glen Kirton, an FA official, said yesterday. "The Swedes, for instance, have asked to play at Wembley in April.

"The Portuguese could conceivably then join in the Rous Cup but at the moment we have exhausted all the possibilities.

"We need a crowd-puller," he added, "a side that the public would want to see. If we can't find somebody to fill that bill, then we will have to settle for the match between England and Scotland on its own and leave the third place empty."

Brown to consider new offer

The former **Norwich City** manager, Ken Brown, was yesterday considering whether to accept the vacant manager's job at **Shrewsbury Town**, of the second division, following the dismissal of Chic Bates on Monday.

Brown, dismissed by Norwich earlier this month, said yesterday: "The offer came out of the blue. I heard that Chic Bates had got the sack and within hours I had been offered the job.

"I got a phone call from the Shrewsbury secretary asking me if I would be interested in the position. Naturally, being out of work, I've got to consider all the possibilities, but I don't know what my decision will be yet, although I have got a bit of time to think about it."

Brown still has the faint chance of winning back his old job at Norwich if shareholders campaigning on his behalf can gain enough support to force the chairman, Robert Chase, to reconsider.

- Joe Jordan, of **Bristol City**, the former Scottish international, is set to become the club's assistant manager if Clive Middlemass, the present assistant manager, accepts the job of manager at **Carlisle United**. Terry Cooper, the Bristol City manager, said: "Joe is the logical choice if he wants to make the switch from being a player."
- The Irish FA's appeal against the four-match suspension imposed on Liam Brady by UEFA will be heard in Zurich on December 17, with Brady in attendance.
- Bass Ireland have signed a new three-year contract, worth £60,000, with the Irish FA to sponsor the Irish Cup, which starts on December 12.

Pleasure bob: but the British Olympic squad will reap the benefit (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Kankkunen makes short work of the longest day

By Andrew Longmore

LOMBARD RAC RALLY

While Alen and Ericsson, his nearest rivals, both rolled their Lancias in increasingly frantic efforts to make up time, Kankkunen yesterday continued his seemingly relentless progress towards his first victory on the Lombard RAC Rally and his second world championship.

It was the toughest and longest day of the rally so far, with 128 miles of special stage, but Kankkunen did not seem to notice. After 33 stages he led by four minutes and 28 seconds from Blomqvist, driving the race of his life in the outclassed Ford Sierra, with the veteran Eklund and the luckless Alen in pursuit.

Such was the world champion's consistency that he was first or second on eight of the opening nine special stages on the third day. He reportedly went up on two wheels during one stage but nobody really believed it, though he did spin once.

In contrast, Alen and Ericsson suffered all sorts of indignities. Alen rolled his Lancia for the second time and had to climb out through the windscreen, losing three minutes on stage 31, while the Swede rolled over, went back on to four wheels but deposited his car on to a pile of logs on stage 27. Spectators were unable to lift the car off but managed to somersault it back on to its wheels again.

"Alen rolled twice and lost only three minutes. I rolled once and lost 10," a disgruntled Ericcson said. Those off-road excursions dropped Alen to fourth and Ericcson to twelfth.

Coincidentally, the same pile of logs which had upset Alen also effectively ended the spirited efforts of Louise Aitken-Walker. She damaged an oil cooler on the logs and had to retire while lying tenth.

"The log was sticking out slightly and though we managed to get going again when a spectator drained all the oil out of his car and put it into ours we were losing oil so quickly we had to stop further down the stage anyway," she said.

Though Kankkunen increased his lead substantially, the battle for second place hotted up. Eklund drove brilliantly in Yorkshire but suffered a loss of power and was eventually overhauled by Blomqvist, who was able to use the power of the Ford Sierra to the full through the long fast stages in Yorkshire.

McRae also enjoyed himself, staying the top British driver despite damaging his suspension and a radiator. He had his own rivalry with Russell Brookes, who was sixth, two minutes and 12 seconds adrift by the end of stage 33. Llewellin, in eighth position, and Chris Mellors, in a Ford Sierra, also maintained a strong British presence on the leader board.

POSITIONS (after 33 stages): 1, J Kankkunen, 3hr 20min 40sec; 2, S Blomqvist, 3:25.08; 3, P Eklund, 3:25.30; 4, M Alen, 3:25.43; 5, J McRae, 3:26.21; 6, R Brookes, 3:28.33; 7, M Ericsson, 3:32.17; 8, D Llewellin, 3:33.25; 9, M Johnsson, 3:35.56; 10, C Mellors, 3:38.34.

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Bobsleigh boon at Blackpool

By Chris Moore

The British Bobsleigh Association (BBA) received a £30,000 pre-Olympic boost yesterday with the announcement of plans to build Britain's first simulated bobsleigh track.

It will be constructed not in the mountains of North Wales, nor amid the ski slopes of Aviemore, but in the summer resort of Blackpool.

The £2.5 million venture, to be opened in April, is to become the 1988 showpiece of the Blackpool Pleasure Beach amusement park. The 500-metre track, built of galvanized steel tubing, will be the most expensive fun-ride ever erected in Europe.

A percentage of the "riding-fee" from each fare-paying customer will be donated to the BBA as part of a sponsorship deal with the British Olympic bobsleigh team.

"We have been guaranteed a minimum of £30,000, but the final figure could well be in excess of £50,000," Simon Strong, the secretary of the BBA, said.

"The initial instalment has already been handed over and is earmarked towards the cost of sending the team to Calgary for official pre-Olympic training next week."

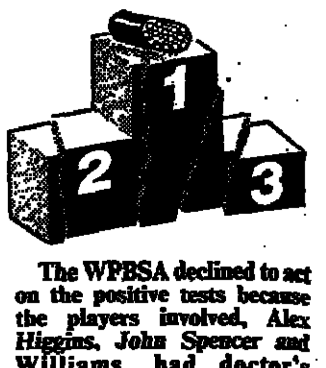
Geoffrey Thompson, the managing director of the 42-acre Pleasure Beach complex, announced the sponsorship deal at the British Ski Club in London yesterday.

"The 'Avalanche Run', as we are calling it, will last about 90 seconds and will provide one of the most thrilling rides Britain has ever seen," he said.

Members of the British bobsleigh team are being invited to open the track.

WPBSA urged to outlaw beta-blockers

By John Goodbody



The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) was prevented yesterday from using the drug-testing facilities of the Sports Council until it bans the use of beta-blockers among players in the Britain's favourite television sport.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, wrote to Rex Williams, the WPBSA chairman, who has admitted taking beta-blockers himself under a doctor's prescription, supporting a suspension recommended by the Sports Council's Drug Abuse Advisory Group.

Moynihan expressed his disappointment that the WPBSA was unable "to step into line with recognized sports in adopting procedures and practices to ensure an effective system of doping control".

In his letter to Williams during the Tennents UK championship at Preston this week, Moynihan said he hoped the WPBSA would reconsider its attitude and that the "suspension need only be shortlived".

The move, which has to be rubber-stamped by the full Sports Council, is the result of the revelation in *The Times* last April that five tests for beta-blockers had been positive from over 200 samples in the previous 15 months.

Beta-blockers, even with a doctor's prescription, are banned by the Sports Council, which has adopted the list of the International Olympic Committee, because of widespread misuse by some competitors, particularly shooters, seeking to relieve anxiety, stop tremors and slow heartbeats.

The WPBSA declined to act on the positive tests because the players involved, Alex Higgins, John Spencer and Williams, had doctor's prescriptions for medical ailments. Neal Foulds, aged 23, also admitted to taking beta-blockers for a heart condition for which he was receiving treatment.

The controversy has centred on whether the WPBSA, a wealthy professional body, should use taxpayers' money for testing and then not apply the Code of Conduct drawn up by the Sports Council. The Council demands suspension from competitions and publication of the names of individuals found positive.

I understand that during negotiations between the Drug Abuse Advisory Group and the WPBSA was told that it had to make up its mind whether it wanted to be "an entertainment or a sport".

Paul Hatherell, the WPBSA tournament director, said the letter would be put to the next scheduled board meeting of the WPBSA or one "to be specially convened". He added: "We may use an independent clinic if we decide to continue with testing."

The WPBSA voluntarily began testing in April 1985 because it wanted to stifle rumours of social drug-taking, which might have harmed sponsorship and television coverage of the game.

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White squanders early advantage

By Steve Acteson

Jimmy White and Cliff Thorburn came under unexpected early pressure in their fifth-round matches of the Tennents United Kingdom snooker championship in Preston last night.

White, who has supplanted the fourth-seeded Thorburn as the world No. 2 this season, squandered a 2-0 lead to face a 4-3 deficit at the main interval of his best-of-17-frames match with David Roe, aged 22, of Derby. Roe, ranked 83rd in the world, is making his first appearance in the last 16 of a major tournament.

Thorburn was also a frame down after the first session of his encounter with John Campbell, of Australia, who is ranked 22nd.

White, aged 25, had dropped only four frames in his two previous victories over John Dunning, who surrendered 9-0, and Eugene Hughes. He seemed intent on another early night when he amassed breaks of 63 and 59 to go ahead in 28 minutes. Roe, one of the new, young breed of dynamic potters – all of them inspired by White – responded to the challenge to draw level at 2-2 before taking the fifth frame with a break of 37.

White replied with 48 to square the match again but Roe then produced another high-speed break of 56 to edge ahead.

Thorburn, of Canada, was in trouble from the start as Campbell produced steady efforts of 40 in frame one and 51 in frame three before moving to 3-1 ahead.

RESULTS: D Roe (Eng) leads J White (Eng), 4-3. Frames scores (White first): 100-36, 61-28, 40-66, 43-52, 38-76, 72-60, 22-80. J Campbell (Aus) leads C Thorburn (Can), 4-3. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 8-55, 69-14, 44-67, 35-64, 119-0, 47-73, 84-35. Monday's late results: W Thorne (Eng) bt D O'Kane (NZ), 9-7. Frame scores (Thorne first): 22-101, 18-61, 0-107, 62-59, 68-38, 64-66, 66-58, 79-44, 67-48, 37-47, 9-90, 65-1, 38-76, 58-47, 102-13, 67-1. M Hallett (Eng) bt D Fowler (Eng), 9-4. Frame scores (Hallett first): 66-29, 86-15, 73-9, 65-60, 67-56, 70-41, 0-79, 57-66, 31-64, 58-45, 9-93, 67-13, 81-0.

- The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association is seeking a sponsor for the English Professional championship, formerly sponsored by Tolly Ales.

Action over rugby fight

The Welsh Districts Rugby Union is to study the referee's report on a Welsh Brewers Cup match which was abandoned after 17 minutes when fighting broke out

The match, played last weekend between Caerau (Ely), from Cardiff, and Glyncoch, from mid-Glamorgan, was brought to its premature conclusion when the referee, who has not been named, led the home side, Glyncoch, off the field.

John Lynch, the Glyncoch chairman, said yesterday: "Everyone was geed up because it was an important cup match and the referee should have given the boys a bit of leeway. They would have cooled off and got on with the game."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

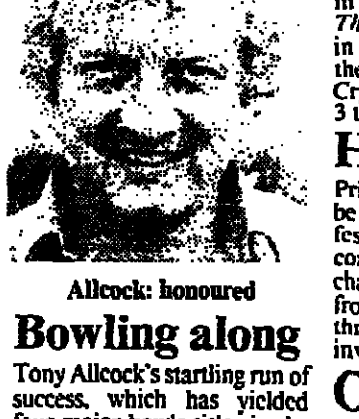
Bond tries new line

Alan Bond, of Australia, whose syndicate won the America's Cup in 1984, is to build a super-maxi yacht to match the proposed 90ft waterline Cup contender presently under construction in Auckland for Michael Fay and his New Zealand syndicate.

The Perth-based multi-millionaire is also behind an Aus $8 million (£307,692) winner-take-all international series commencing in Sydney late next year with other regattas taking place in New Zealand, France and Falmouth. Construction of the Australian yacht, designed by Ben Lexcen, will begin in January and is scheduled to be launched next October, eight months after Fay's New Zealand maxi sails.

Strong field

Mark Tewkesbury, of Canada, the winner of two gold medals at the Commonwealth Games, and Dano Halsall, of Switzerland, the world championship silver medal winner, will be among a strong entry for the Barnet short-course swimming meeting from December 4 to 6.



Allcock: honoured

Bowling along

Tony Allcock's startling run of success, which has yielded four major bowls titles in the past 12 months, continued yesterday when he was presented with the Bowler of the Year award. Allcock, aged 32, a former Gloucestershire headmaster, is the holder of the English, UK and world indoor crowns, and the world pairs title.

Cup incentive

The winners of the Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup final at Wembley next April will receive a record £18,000, with the runners-up taking £10,000. The total prize-money available is £98,000.

Top billing

Matt Scoggins, the brother of Tracey Scoggins, who appears in the television soap opera, *The Colbys*, has been named in the United States team for the Sun Life Diving Cup at Crystal Palace from December 3 to 6.

High stakes

Prize-money of £22,500 will be on offer for the 10 professional snooker players competing in the Welsh championships at Newport from February 8 to 12 under a three-year sponsorshop deal involving Senator Windows.

On the move

Dipak Patel, the former Worcestershire all-rounder presently on tour with New Zealand in Australia, is expected to link up with Birmingham League club, West Bromwich Dartmouth, next summer.

Ruled out

Derby and County Athletic club is to lose three international distance runners because of a new club rule dictating that it must have first call on their services. Nicky Lees, Chris Woodhouse and Jerry Hall have tendered their resignations

Nation that boycotts Games will not be invited again

From David Miller, Tokyo

The penalty for any country boycotting the Olympic Games will be a withdrawal of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) invitation to the next Games. Such a disciplinary measure is long overdue and will be welcomed by all who are weary of successive boycotts at Montreal, Moscow and Los Angeles.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the IOC, unexpectedly revealed the IOC's intention here yesterday. Asked in a broadcast what would be the possible penalty for countries who accept the invitation and subsequently withdraw, he stated they would not receive the next invitation.

Such a resolute attitude would, if upheld by the IOC in the event of another big boycott, bring the Olympic movement close to dissolution. Yet determination such as this is needed in the face of political exploitation.

Asked if it meant that anyone accepting the invitation to Seoul next summer and then boycotting the Games would not be invited to Barcelona, Samaranch said this was so; and later he confirmed the statement after discussions with Kevan Gosper, the IOC vice-president.

This commendable firmness could well be put to the test if the political situation concerning the presidential election in South Korea should erupt on or after election day, December 16. Further rioting in Seoul and provincial cities would probably cast doubt in the minds of some socialist countries, especially if the ruling party retain power. Fire bombs were yesterday thrown at Roh Tae Woo, the ruling party candidate, as he continued his nationwide campaign.

While Samaranch has remained cautiously diplomatic on all political issues during countless interviews in Seoul, Canton and Tokyo during the past week, it has become apparent that he is willing to put his presidency on the line in the attempt to uphold the reputation of the Games as being above politics.

If the IOC pulled back from banning a member national Olympic committee guilty of a boycott – the ultimate example being either the United States or the Soviet Union – it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the Olympic Games to survive in any credible shape.

If such a boycott happened next summer, and if the IOC failed to keep Samaranch's word when sitting in judgement on any member country, it would be unlikely that Samaranch would be re-elected as president in 1989 when his term of office expired. For the moment, his reputation is solid.

He is optimistic, after talks with many socialist country representatives in the past few days, that they all intend to be present in Seoul, come what may. He repeatedly refers to his confidence that the People's Republic of China will "support the Olympic movement" without going as far as saying that it has promised him to be in Seoul.

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